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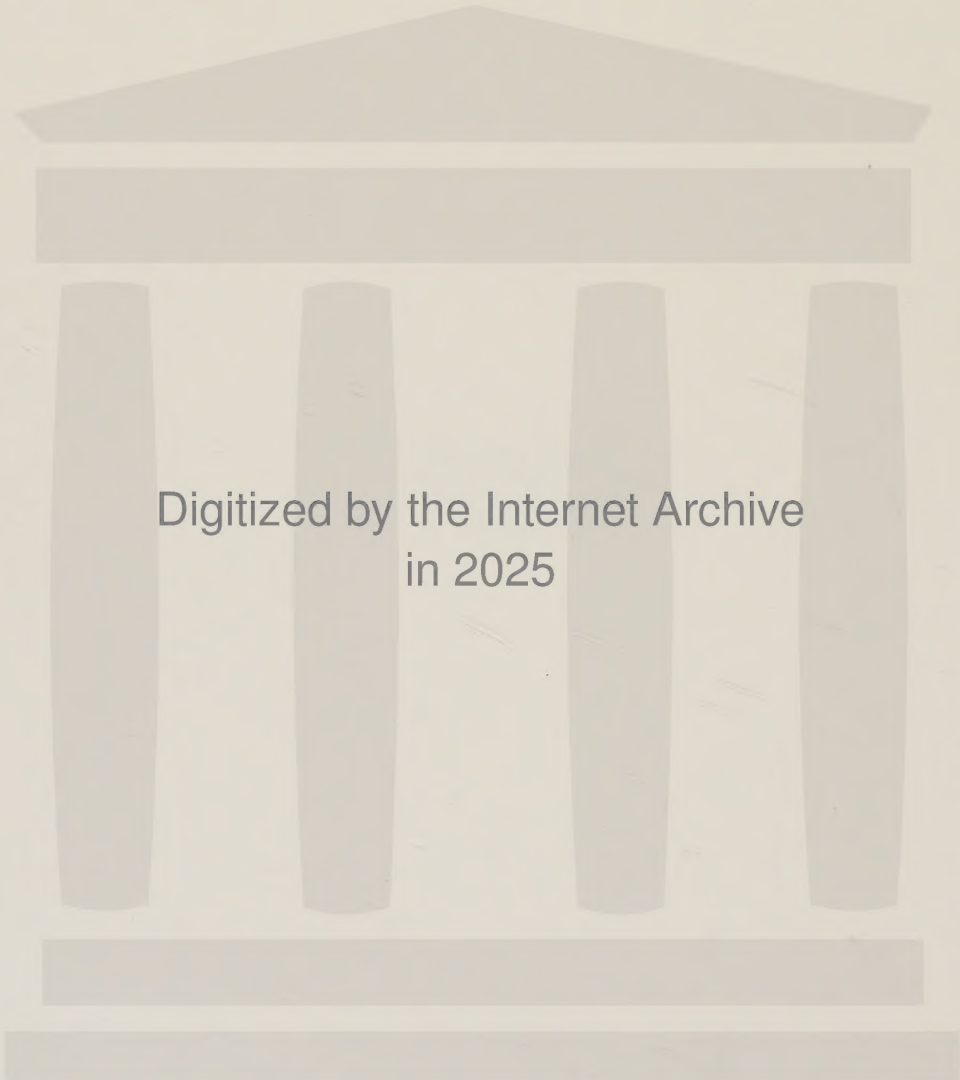
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WILLIAM W. PENNELL, M. D.

The man who devotes his talents and energies to the noble work of administering to the ills and alleviating the sufferings of humanity is pursuing a calling which, in dignity, importance and beneficial results, is second to no other. If true to his profession and earnest in his efforts to enlarge his sphere of usefulness, he is indeed a benefactor to his kind, for to him more than to any other man are entrusted the safety, the comfort, and, in many instances, the lives of those who place themselves under his care and profit by his services. Standing in the front rank of Knox county's professional man is Dr. William W. Pennell, of Mt. Vernon, who is not only held in high esteem for his professional ability, but for his public-spirited nature, his wholesome private and social life, and that he has become one of the influential citizens of the locality of which this history treats, although a comparative newcomer.

Doctor Pennell, the third son of Hugh and Martha A. (Liggett) Pennell, was born at Benton, Holmes county, Ohio, February 2, 1853. His father was a native of Maryland, his mother of Pennsylvania, both being of English descent. These parents came to Ohio as young people, were married in Holmes county and there settled and spent the rest of their lives. Hugh Pennell was a harness manufacturer; politically, he strongly opposed the fugitive slave law by assisting to operate the "underground railroad," a matter which required some courage in his locality. He was the first Republican postmaster appointed in Holmes county after the election of President Lincoln. A man of strong convictions, he had the courage of advocating what he believed to be right, and this was the basis of his influence. He died in November, 1900, and his widow joined him in the Summerland in January, 1910.

Doctor Pennell was reared in Holmes county, in the atmosphere of a Christian home, and was educated in the schools of his native county. He began life by teaching school, and, having an ambition to become a physician,

but penniless and already inured to frugality, he followed teaching while prosecuting his medical studies under the preceptorship of Dr. Isaac H. Hague, of Nashville, with whom he remained four years, not hesitating to perform any service to further the fulfillment of his ambition. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in February, 1875, from the medical department of the University of Wooster at Cleveland, and immediately associated himself with Doctor Hague in the practice of medicine at Nashville. In April, 1875, he married Melvina M. Williams, daughter of James and Mercy (Morgan) Williams, of Monroe township, Holmes county, and, in October, 1876, succeeded his preceptor at Nashville. In 1882 Adelbert College, of the Western Reserve, conferred on him the *ad eundem* degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1884, after a post-graduate course in special studies at Philadelphia, he moved to Fredericktown, Knox county, where he remained in the successful practice of his profession until 1904, when, wishing to enlarge his sphere of work, he again pursued a post-graduate course on special lines, this time in New York, and then located at No. 205 North Main street, Mount Vernon. Here he has maintained his residence, busy with the affairs of his work. Although specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, it is demanded of him to do a vast amount of general practice. It is not too much to say that his professional reputation is widespread and his opinion sought and esteemed. By nature a student, it has been easy for him to keep abreast of the times in all that pertains to his vocation and allied subjects, and to preserve a full survey of matters in general.

Doctor Pennell is a member of the Knox County Medical Society, serving as temporary chairman during its present organization, and once its delegate to the Ohio State Medical Association; a member and ex-first vice-president of the Ohio State Medical Association, member and ex-president Ohio State Pediatric Society, member of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Association for the Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis, and, in all, has presented some thirty acceptable and valuable papers to state and national societies in the past twenty-five years. A member of the first Pan-American Medical Congress, which met at Washington, D. C., in 1893, he was one of the delegates from the United States to the fifth congress, which met at Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America, in 1908, and presented an able paper before that body.

The Doctor is a literary man of no mean ability, having a clear, forceful style that grips his readers with the neat-rounded message he has to

convey. Aside from his contributions to medical literature, he has written "Poetical Compositions," a pleasing metrical volume, revealing that rhythm and poesy are in his essence; "The Buckeye Doctor," a tale of the struggles and final triumph of a young doctor in the earlier days of medicine in Ohio—racy, humorous, sincere, pathetic; "Jonas Hawley," a politico-social novel, abounding in references to historical conditions in Ohio during the Civil war, especially the Brough-Vallandigham campaign; "Dan," the romance of a nameless boy, his adventures, experiences, and triumphs, in vindicating his mother, is forthcoming and is awaited by a widening circle of admirers among whom the Doctor has become popular. Among his shorter productions that have been published in the magazines are, "Not the King's Will," a story of the Babylonian captivity; "Mixing Medicine and Law," an episode of medical practice which might be duplicated by scores of physicians, and "Sammy's Substitute," the story of a boy who was curiously rewarded for faithful service.

A Presbyterian in religious belief, Doctor Pennell is, politically, a Republican; and, while he has always taken a good citizen's interest in public matters, he has never sought the emoluments of public office. Educational affairs appealed to him differently, however, for, while living at Fredericktown, he was elected to the board of education several successive terms. Here it pleased him to see the public schools rise to a high plane of usefulness, and, for the ten years that he served as president of the board of education, gave his efforts to that end. Fraternally, he is a Mason. A member of Thrall Lodge No. 170, at Fredericktown, he served it as master for four years; of Clinton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Kinsman Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Clinton Commandery, Knights Templar, at Mt. Vernon; of Aladdin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Columbus Chapter, Rose Croix H. R. D. M., eighteenth degree, Valley of Columbus; and of Ohio Sovereign Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree, Cincinnati, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Doctor has been twice married. To his first union two daughters and one son were born, all at Nashville: Edna E., now Sister Cecilia, Order of St. Anne, Arlington Heights, Massachusetts; Carroll Celsus died in infancy; Adah Aline, wife of J. Handel Williams, editor of the *Republican-Record,* Washington C. H., Ohio, who has presented her father with two grandsons and two grandaughters. The wife and mother passed to her rest in October, 1903, after a long period of sickness. In April, 1908, the Doctor was again married, uniting with Mrs. Emma J. Seiler, daughter of E. Casteel, late of Hayesville, Ohio.

Personally the Doctor is a genial, high-minded, progressive and honorable gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet; profound scholar, versatile writer, able physician and surgeon; an unassuming representative of the masses. The comfortable home of the Pennells, at No. 205 North Main street, presided over by the pleasing personality of the wife, contains all the elements of cheer and hospitality.

JUDGE CHARLES E. CRITCHFIELD.

Examples that impress force of character on all who study them are worthy of record. By a few general observations may be conveyed some idea of the high standing of Judge Charles E. Critchfield, of Mt. Vernon, as an attorney, a man of affairs and a citizen and public benefactor. United in his composition are so many elements of a solid and practical nature. which during a series of many decades have brought him into prominent notice and earned for him a conspicuous place among the enterprising and scholarly men of the county honored by his residence, that it is but just recognition of his worth to speak at some length of his life and achievements, although he is conservative and unpretentious, caring little for the admiring plaudits of men, satisfied if he is conscious of doing his duty well in the several relations of life.

Judge Critchfield is the scion of a sterling old pioneer family and he himself may be referred to as a connecting link between the pioneer epoch and the present, having spent his long, active and useful life in this locality whose interests he has ever had at heart and which he has ever sought to promulgate, playing an important role in the drama of civilization. He was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, near the Knox county line, on November 25, 1836, and he is the son of Charles and Matilda (Butler) Critchfield. The great-grandfather of the subject, who was of German lineage, fought in the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, William Critchfield, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, from which he emigrated to Knox county, Ohio, in 1812 when this section was but a forest wilderness and yet the haunts of wild beasts and the home of the red man. He was an honored and influential pioneer and aided materially in laying the foundation for the prosperity and civilization that was to follow. Charles Critchfield, father of the Judge, was also born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and he emigrated to Knox county, Ohio, with his parents in 1812, later moving to Coshocton county, where his son, Charles E., of this review, was born. Twelve years

later he returned with his family to Knox county and located upon a farm which is still in possession of his descendants. He followed farming on a large scale during the active years of his life, and was widely known as an enterprising agriculturist and honorable citizen. His wife, Matilda Butler, was the daughter of Benjamin Butler, who came from Virginia to Ohio, and who, with Joseph Walker and Thomas Bell Patterson, at one time owned the site of Mt. Vernon, and who laid out the town here in 1805. So on both the paternal and maternal sides of the house, Judge Critchfield is a representative of worthy pioneer stock, intimately identified with the history of the city and county from its earliest days, and he has ever striven to keep untarnished the bright escutcheon of an honored family name.

The literary education of Charles E. Critchfield was obtained in the home schools, as already intimated, and while he did not enjoy so extensive advantages of many of the present day, he made the most of every opportunity and laid a broad and secure foundation for the subsequent structure. When a young man he began reading law in the office of Major William R. Sapp, of Mt. Vernon, and in 1865 he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Mt. Vernon, and with the exception of the years when he was in official positions he has practiced here ever since, covering a period of forty-six years, which have been replete with honor and a very high degree of success such as few attain and none of his contemporaries have surpassed. It was not his nature to occupy any mediocre position, but his ambition was to excel and, with "his wagon hitched to a star," he has ever striven for the highest and best. By thorough preparation, profound study and research and absolute devotion to his calling and the cause of his clients, he early in his career won an envied place in his profession. He has followed a general practice in all the courts of the state and United States courts. In 1869 he was elected probate judge of Knox county and served two consecutive terms of three years each and again after an interval of three years he was re-elected for a third term, thus serving nine years, in a manner that not only reflected much credit upon himself but also won the hearty approval of all concerned, irrespective of party alignment, and it is doubtful if the county ever had, before or since, a more able official in this capacity and one who discharged his duties with greater fidelity and alacrity. He has also filled other important public positions, always in a manner that proved the wisdom of his selection. He has been a life-long Democrat and always loyal to the principles of the party. During President Cleveland's second administration he served as postmaster at Mt. Vernon from 1893 to 1897. In 1889 he was elected representative from Knox county to the state Legisla-

ture and during his term participated in the election of Calvin S. Brice to the United States Senate. He won the admiration of his colleagues and the hearty approval of his constituents while in the House and added additional luster to an already distinguished name in the Buckeye state.

Judge Critchfield was married in 1862 to Amanda Vincent, daughter of Alexander and Eliza (McElroy) Vincent, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in an early day and located on a farm in Knox county, where they became well established and highly respected. Two children have been born to the Judge and wife, Charles Vincent, manager of the Mt. Vernon electric light and power plant, and Nellie, the estimable daughter.

Few men have a wider acquaintance and are more favorably known than Judge Critchfield. In this community, where his entire life has been spent, his high character, his marked ability, his sterling worth and his fidelity to duty in public life commands the consideration and high regard of his fellow men, which they have ever very freely accorded, honoring him as one of the notable men of his day and generation, as he justly deserves, in this section of Ohio.

REV. WILLIAM E. HULL.

Success is only achieved by the exercise of certain distinguishing qualities, and it can not be retained without effort. Those by whom great epoch changes have been made in the religious, political and business world began early in life to prepare themselves for their peculiar duties and responsibilities and it was only by the most persevering and continuous endeavor that they succeeded in rising superior to the obstacles in their way and reaching the goal of their ambition. Such lives are an inspiration to others who are less courageous and more prone to give up the fight before their ideal is reached or definite success in any chosen field has been attained. In the life history of Rev. William E. Hull, the able and popular pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, we find evidence of a peculiar characteristic that always makes for achievement—persistency, coupled with fortitude and lofty traits, and as a result of his useful, consistent and unselfish life he is one of Knox county's most highly esteemed, influential and best known citizens, a man whom to know is to respect and admire, owing to his scholarly attainments, his faithfulness in his efforts to ameliorate the condition of his fellow men, and his abandonment of worldly

ambitions in his efforts to follow in the footprints of the lowly Nazarene, content merely in doing His will, with no thought of reward or plaudits of those with whom he labors here.

Rev. Mr. Hull was born November 23, 1858, at Hartwick Seminary, Otsego county, New York, the scion of a sterling old family of the Empire state, being the son of William and Elizabeth (Skinner) Hull, both natives of the state of New York. The father was for many years a well known minister in the English Evangelical Lutheran church. He was a man of great learning and rare strength of character; he spent his life in church work in the state of New York and he did a wonderful amount of good there during his day and generation. He and his wife have both passed to their rewards.

William E. Hull was educated in a preparatory school at Hartwick, New York, later entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1884. Early in life he evinced a laudable ambition to enter the ministry and after his college course he entered the Theological Seminary at Hartwick, New York, where he made a splendid record, and then entered the ministry in the church of his father, in which he remained for ten years. He was pastor of the church of the English Evangelical Lutheran church at Cobleskill, New York, where he remained four and one-half years, when he came to Ohio and was pastor of a church of the same denomination at Bellefontaine for four years. In 1897 he transferred his church allegiance from the English Evangelical Lutheran church to the Episcopal church, and became rector of the Episcopal church at Bucyrus, Ohio, where he remained a year and a half, then, in September, 1899, he came to Mt. Vernon as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, one of the earliest churches of the denomination in the state, having been organized in 1826. Here he still continues to labor for the Master. Like all the charges he has been given, Rev. Mr. Hull has greatly strengthened and built up the congregation here and has won his way into the hearts of the people, not only in his own congregation, but the general public as well. He has always been a profound student and is fearless in his advocacy of whatever he deems to be right, is broad-minded, whole-souled and progressive, alert, painstaking and energetic, and as a pulpit orator he is earnest, logical and often truly eloquent, never failing to hold his audience in rapt attention.

On May 7, 1889, Rev. Mr. Hull was united in marriage with a lady of culture and refinement, known in her maidenhood as Wenona H. Weimer, daughter of Philip and Sarah J. (Horney) Weimer, a prominent family of

Springfield, Ohio. One son and two daughters have graced the union of Rev. and Mrs. Hull, namely: Philip W., now a student at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio; Ruth E. and Alice L., both students in the Mt. Vernon high school.

Rev. Mr. Hull is a member of the Masonic order and he has been prelate of the commandery for ten years. In his political affiliations he is a Republican. The family home is at No. 117 East Chestnut street and its refined influences permeate the moral and social life of the entire community.

JOHN B. WAIGHT.

John B. Waight was born on May 14, 1854, at Scio, Harrison county, Ohio. He is the son of George A. and Biddy (Gordon) Waight, the father born near Frankfort, Germany, and from there he emigrated to America when nine years of age with his mother, his father having died in Germany. They came direct to Tuscarawas county, Ohio. The mother of the subject was born in Ohio, and the father was a merchant in the town of Scio for many years and there his death occurred in 1891, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1887. The Gordons were of Revolutionary stock and were prominent in their communities from the early history of the country.

John B. Waight was reared in Scio, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools there and in Scio College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1871. His father was one of its financial backers and its popularity was due in no small degree to his efforts for many years. He was a member of the board of trustees during his life, from the founding of the college in 1866 until his death. He was a successful business man and was influential in all circles in which he moved.

John B. Waight took up the study of law immediately after his graduation with Hon. Lewis Lenton, a prominent attorney of Cadiz, Ohio, and, having made rapid progress, he was admitted to the bar in the winter of 1874 and in 1875 he came to Mt. Vernon and opened an office and here he has been engaged in practice ever since, having met with success from the first and his clientele has continued to increase until today he is one of the busiest attorneys in this section of the state. He practices in all the courts of the state and in the United States court.

Mr. Waight was married on April 13, 1882, to Kate M. Ready, a lady of culture and refinement, the daughter of A. T. and Jennie (McBane)

Ready, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, a prominent and influential family of that city. This union has been graced by the birth of two children: Armisted T., who was graduated from Cornell University in 1908, is in business in Chicago where he has made a successful start in the world of affairs; Jennie M. married Carl Rickets, of Columbus, Ohio.

Politically, Mr. Waight is a Republican and has long been prominent in the affairs of his party. He has been city solicitor of Mt. Vernon and he was common pleas judge for one term. As judge he has an enviable and commendable record, his decisions having been characterized by fairness and a knowledge of the law in all its ramifications. He has never been an office seeker, though he has been frequently urged to run for various offices or to become a candidate for high official positions.

Mr. Waight is interested in the gas development of this section and he has been successful in a business way and is one of the substantial men of affairs at Mt. Vernon.

Fraternally, Mr. Waight belongs to the Masonic order and all degrees up to Knight Templar. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge. Religiously, he belongs to the Presbyterian church, being a regular attendant, and he is a high-minded Christian gentleman, advocating clean politics and wholesome living and honesty in all the relations of life, having had these principles inculcated in him by his sterling father, who was a man in whom honesty and integrity were cardinal principles. The Waights have always been prominent in the social life of the community and their pleasant, modern home is known to a wide circle of friends as a place of hospitality of an old-time genuine sincerity and of good cheer, and is one of the social meccas of the city.

GEN. GOSHORN A. JONES.

Human life is like the waves of the sea—they flash a few brief moments in the sunlight, marvels of power and beauty, and then are dashed upon the relentless shores of death and disappear forever. As the mighty deep has rolled for ages past and chanted its sublime requiem and will continue to roll during the coming ages until time shall be no more, so will the waves of human life follow each other in countless succession until they mingled at last with the billows of eternity's boundless sea. The passing of any human life, however humble and unknown, is sure to give rise to a pang of

anguish to some heart, but when the fell destroyer knocks audibly at the door of the useful and great and removes from earthly scenes the man of honor and influence and the benefactor of his kind, it not only means bereavement to kindred and friends, but a public calamity as well. In the largest and best sense of the term, the late Gen. Goshorn A. Jones, of Mt. Vernon, was distinctively one of the notable men of his day and generation, and as such is entitled to a conspicuous place in the annals of his city, county and state, for as a citizen he was public-spirited and enterprising to an unwonted degree, as a friend and neighbor he combined the qualities of head and heart that won confidence and commanded respect and as a business man he stood second to none in Knox county.

General Jones was born in Burnt Cabins, Fulton county, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1812, and after a long, useful and strenuous life, he passed to his rest on April 18, 1904, at the advanced age of ninety-two years, his long life being due, no doubt, in very large measure to his exemplary habits and right thinking. He was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Goshorn) Jones, both natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. In 1813 the parents emigrated to Washington county, Pennsylvania, and located at Claysville and West Alexandria. In this locality the son, Goshorn A., spent his youth and obtained his education in the public schools there. In 1834 he came to Mt. Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, and began active business as a merchant, dealing also in produce and wool, continuing this business with gratifying results until 1850, in which year he gave up business for the purpose of accepting an appointment as United States marshal by President Zachary Taylor for the district of Ohio, the duties of which important position he discharged in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. At the expiration of his term of office he, in connection with John H. Winterbotham, engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements, employing the convict labor of Fort Madison, Iowa. He continued in this business for about eleven years with much success, then spent several years in prospecting, visiting several of the most important mining regions of the United States.

General Jones was the originator of the Cleveland, Mt. Vernon & Columbus railroad, now the Akron & Cincinnati railroad, and better known as the Akron division of the Pennsylvania lines, and in 1869 was made superintendent of the road, in which position he continued until William N. Monsaratt became president of the road. He managed its affairs in a manner that stamped him as an up-to-date business man, a natural born organizer and promoter and won the hearty commendation of the stockholders.

General Jones was married in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to Sarah Raymond, daughter of Rev. Nathan Raymond, a popular minister in the Methodist Episcopal church who resided in Mt. Vernon for a number of years, having come here from New York. The death of Mrs. Jones occurred a number of years prior to that of her husband. Five children were born to them, as follows: Mrs. Mary J. Baker, Fanny, Mrs. Rachael Tilton, Ada, who married James Israel, whose sketch appears in another part of this work; Fred W. (deceased).

General Jones was a Whig and later a Republican in politics. He was a general in the Ohio state militia prior to the Mexican war. He was a man of strong mental caliber and courageous in defense of his opinion when once convinced that he was right. He was one of the strong and important factors in this community. He is buried in Mt. Vernon cemetery, and his influence and many good deeds will cause his memory to be cherished through coming generations.

JUDGE GEORGE COYNER.

An enumeration of the representative citizens of Knox county who have won recognition and success for themselves and at the same time conferred honor upon the community, would be incomplete were there failure to make mention of George Coyner, whose name has long been a household word in this and Delaware counties, where he has held worthy prestige in legal and political circles. He has always been distinctively a man of affairs, wielding a wide influence among those with whom his lot was cast, ever having the affairs of his county and state at heart and lending such aid as he could in whatever pertained to their general progress, and it has been due to such men as he that this locality could justly claim a high order of citizenship and a spirit of enterprise which conserved consecutive development and marked advancement in its material upbuilding. This section has been, and is, signally favored in the class of men who have controlled its affairs in official capacity, and this is one of the connections in which Judge Coyner demands recognition, having served faithfully and well in positions of distinct trust and responsibility. He achieved a brilliant record at the bar at an age when most men are merely starting on their life work, for from the beginning he was intensely methodical and unswervingly scientific in search and seizure of the true light and of the essential morality and inspiration of the legal

foundations, and in sources of legal conception and thought, conscientious and intensely pure, having an exalted firmness with which he recognized the ethics of the fixed principles of judicial systems, holding tenaciously to embellished records of equity, the invariable theorems of law, the sure, certain, invincible methods of practice; therefore abundant success could not help crowning his efforts and placing him on the topmost rung of the legal and judicial ladder and winning for him the well merited laudation of his fellow men.

George Coyner was born on June 5, 1858, in Lexington, Richland county, Ohio, of a sterling pioneer family of the Old Dominion. He is the son of Rev. David H. and Eliza Catherine (Snodgrass) Coyner, the father born in Augusta county, Virginia, and the mother in Hardy county, West Virginia. The former was reared and educated in Virginia, having attended Washington-Lee University, later graduating from Princeton Theological College. His ministerial work was confined mostly to the Northern states, especially Pennsylvania. He was compelled to leave the South because of his loyalty to the Union. He was three times married. His first wife was Catherine McNeal, a member of the famous McNeal family of Virginia, wealthy and active in the Confederate service, both as soldiers and advisers; his first wife died in early life, at the birth of their first child, Catherine McNeal Coyner, now deceased, who married Samuel Alexander, a prominent figure in the Confederate army. Rev. Mr. Coyner's second wife, Eliza Catherine Snodgrass, was the mother of the subject. Soon after their marriage they came to Indiana, the father becoming superintendent of public schools at Indianapolis, the duties of which he discharged for two years; then went to Ohio and engaged in the ministry, that being his chief life work. He was located at Lexington, Ohio, when his son George, of this review, was born, and there his second wife died, leaving a family of seventeen children. He subsequently married Frances Snodgrass, a sister of his second wife and she is still living, making her home in Delaware county, Ohio. To this last union three children were born, making the Rev. Mr. Coyner the father of twenty-one children in all. The Snodgrass family were also Virginians, and after the death of his second wife the father returned with his large family to the old home at Moorefield, West Virginia, which was during the Civil war. His well known stand for the Union aroused public sentiment against him and he was forced to return to the North, his life being threatened, in fact, he was only saved through the intervention of a relative of the McNeals who was in command of a Confederate band who sought to make the Rev. Mr. Coyner prisoner. He

brought his family to Columbus, Ohio, and was appointed chaplain of the Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry by Governor Todd, of Ohio, and he and three of his sons were in the Federal army, one of the sons, Harvess, dying while in the service, from the effects of a wound; William was a member of the Tenth Ohio Cavalry, and Luther of the Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry with his father, serving until the close of the war. After his return home when hostilities had ceased, Rev. Mr. Coyner married Frances Snodgrass, a sister of his second wife, as before stated. He remained in the ministry for many years in Ohio. His death occurred in 1883 at Eden, Delaware county, Ohio. He was prominent in his denomination in that section of the state and ranked high in church life.

George Coyner, of this sketch, was reared mostly in Ohio and he was educated in the public schools of Eden, this state, later entering the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1893. But prior to taking up the study of law he taught school for a number of years, winning a reputation as a progressive and able educator.

In March, 1879, he was united in marriage with Emma Hipple, daughter of George W. and Anna (Ferris) Hipple, of Delaware county, Ohio, both being now deceased. To the subject and wife three sons were born, namely: Charles S. and Leon, deceased; Carl, the youngest, lives in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Coyner is a Republican in politics and has long been a potent factor in party affairs, his first public office being that of township clerk, which he held for a period of five years; then he was superintendent of the Delaware County Infirmary for four years. During three years of that time he read law during his spare moments, and it was in 1891 that he entered the law school, graduating from the same in 1893. He at once began practicing in Delaware county, where he met with instantaneous success and in 1895 he was elected prosecuting attorney of that county, his record being so eminently satisfactory that he was re-elected for a second term in 1898, serving for six years in an able and praiseworthy manner. In 1901 he was elected common pleas judge for five years. He brought to the bench a dignity becoming the high position, and in the line of duty was industrious, careful and singularly painstaking, which, combined with his sterling honesty and fearlessness of purpose, made him one of the most popular and efficient men ever called to preside over the affairs of that court. His opinions and decisions attested his eminent fitness for judicial positions, being always lucid, unstrained, unbiased and vigorous, his statements full and comprehensive, and his analysis and interpretations of the law conspicuous and complete, with a profound knowledge of all phases of the law and the statutes.

Judge Coyner has always stood high in his profession and after his term as common pleas judge expired he moved to Mt. Vernon in 1907 and here he has built up an extensive practice in this and other counties, being frequently called in important cases in courts remote from his place of residence. In 1910 he was elected a member of the Mt. Vernon board of education and is secretary of the board. He still maintains his interest in public affairs, especially educational matters.

The Judge is a member of the Masonic order, the council and chapter at Mt. Vernon; also the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member and the present commander of Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Sons of Veterans. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church.

In point of critical legal scholarship, keen intellectuality and professional success, Judge Coyner easily stands in the front rank, while in all that constitutes the upright man, the public-spirited citizen and the high-minded gentleman his position in the social circle and the world of affairs has been firmly established, and he stands today among the leaders of thought and molders of opinion in a county prolific of men of distinction.

JAMES ISRAEL.

Self-assertion is believed by many people to be absolutely necessary to success in life, and there are good reasons for the entertainment of such belief. The modest man very rarely gets what is due him. The selfish, aggressive man elbows his way to the front, takes all that is in sight and it sometimes seems that modesty is a sin with self-denial the penalty. There are, however, exceptions to all rules and it is a matter greatly to be regretted that the exceptions to the conditions referred to are not more numerous. One notable exception is the honorable gentleman whose life history we here present, who possesses just a sufficient amount of modesty to be a gentleman at all times and yet sufficient persistency to win in the business world and at the same time not appear over bold, and as a result of these well and happily blended qualities Mr. Israel has won a host of friends throughout Knox county, being well known as a man of influence, integrity and business ability, and as a patriotic citizen who has ever had the welfare of his county and state at heart.

James Israel, of Mt. Vernon, was born in this city on October 1, 1843, and he is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Harper) Israel. The father

was born on October 8, 1810, at Bedford, Westchester county, New York, and when a young man he learned the trade of brick mason. In 1830, being influenced by better prospects, he proceeded to the West, a companion accompanying him from New York to the land of promise. They first went to Detroit, Michigan, where they remained only a short time, then crossed Lake Erie to Sandusky and there put all their earthly belongings into a one-horse wagon and started for Mt. Vernon, which they reached in due time. Here Mr. Israel found employment at his trade as brick mason and soon found favor with the people. On January 28, 1831, Samuel Israel and Elizabeth Harper were married. The latter was a member of a prominent family of Muskingum county, living near Zanesville, and she was born May 9, 1808. Establishing his permanent home here, Mr. Israel continued to work as a brick mason. He always had an insatiable ambition to obtain a high education, but he had few advantages in his youth. He wanted to be a lawyer. Mrs. Israel had been better provided with text-book training and she became her husband's tutor. About this time he was employed at his trade in erecting some of the Kenyon College buildings at Gambier, Ohio, five miles east of Mt. Vernon. While thus engaged he walked to and fro between these towns every day, working all day and eating a cold lunch at noon. After supper he would pore over his books until ten or eleven o'clock, repeating his ordeal day after day. As he made progress in general education his desire to become a lawyer increased and Blackstone was added to his studies. He made progress rapidly and in time became a student in the office of Hon. Columbus Delano, becoming his partner after being admitted to the bar, and this partnership continued successfully for several years. In due course of time Mr. Israel became a prominent and successful member of the Knox county bar and was engaged in many of the most important cases in the courts of his district. His entire time and energies were given to his profession, with the exception of about six years, when he became interested with Gen. Goshorn A. Jones and Colonel Hard in the extension and construction of what is now the Cleveland, Akron & Cincinnati Railroad, known as the Akron division of the Pennsylvania Lines, from Millersburg, the county seat of Holmes county, to Columbus. After this was completed and in successful operation, Mr. Israel resumed the active practice of law, which he continued with his usual marked success until his death, August 15, 1889, his wife having preceded him to the grave on September 11, 1882. They were the parents of seven children, only three of whom are now living, namely: Francis is deceased; Adeline is deceased; Amanda, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Lavinia, of Mt. Vernon; James, of this review, and Samuel H., president of the Knox County Savings Bank.

Samuel Israel, father of these children, was a Democrat of the old school, but during the Civil war he was a staunch supporter of the government. He was never an office seeker or an office holder, but he was frequently active as a stump speaker during campaigns, upholding the principles of his party in an able manner. He was a man who always applied himself with full force to the task in hand. He was a man of broad and liberal views and thorough information upon all subjects of public import. He was a conspicuous example of what a young man may aspire to and acquire in a country like ours, without money, without influence and without the advantages of even a preliminary education; he acquired all of these after reaching his majority and attained a place in the public estimation that might satiate the ambitions of any man.

James Israel, the immediate subject of this review, obtained his education in the Mt. Vernon public schools and in his youth assisted with the work on his father's farm near the city. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted for service in the Union army, as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for the one-hundred-day service. He contracted typhoid fever and after recovering from a protracted illness he went to Chicago in the fall of 1864 and was employed in the wholesale hardware house of Seiberger & Breakey, remaining in their employ for five years, during which time he learned the ins and outs of this line of business and gave the firm entire satisfaction. Returning to Mt. Vernon in the fall of 1869, he engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil and a general grain business, in which he met with success. He closed out his oil and grain business in 1897 and at the re-organization of the Mt. Vernon Bridge Company he became secretary and treasurer, also general manager of the same and he continued in this capacity until January, 1910, when he became president of the company and was succeeded by his son George, as secretary and treasurer. During Mr. Israel's able and judicious management he has seen the company grow from a concern of very modest proportions to one of the largest and most important factories of its kind in the state and the Middle West. He is a man of splendid business acumen, tact and foresight, with fine executive ability and keen discernment, succeeding at whatever he turns his attention to, being methodical and systematic in everything. He is also vice-president of the Knox County Savings Bank, of which his brother, Samuel H., is president, and they have a very potent influence in the financial circles of this locality.

Mr. Israel is a Republican in politics, and for many years was active and influential in party councils and party affairs. During the administra-

tion of President Harrison, Mr. Israel was postmaster at Mt. Vernon and during his term of office the free mail delivery system was established for Mt. Vernon. He also served as a member of the city board of education for ten years. He is a member of the Joe Hooker Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Israel was married on June 17, 1872, to Ada B. Jones, a lady of culture and refinement, daughter of Gen. Goshorn A. and Sarah (Raymond) Jones, a prominent Mt. Vernon family, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. This union has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: George is married and he is secretary and treasurer of the Mt. Vernon Bridge Company, as before stated; John W. is now deceased; Sarah married Edward Dunnick, of Mt. Vernon. The family home is located at No. 105 East Gambier street and is the favorite gathering place of the best people in this vicinity, the family having long been important factors in local social circles.

JOHN S. ALAN.

The men most influential in promoting the advancement of society and in giving character to the times in which they live are two classes, the men who study and the men of action. Whether we are more indebted for the improvement of the age to the one class or the other is a question of honest difference of opinion: neither class can be spared and both should be encouraged to occupy their several spheres of labor and influence, zealously and without mutual distrust. In the following paragraphs are briefly outlined the leading facts and characteristics in the career of a gentleman who combines in his makeup the elements of the scholar and the energy of the public-spirited man of affairs. Devoted to the noble and humane work of teaching, he has made his influence felt in the school life of the city of Mt. Vernon and Knox county and he is not unknown to the wider educational circles of the state, occupying as he does a prominent place in his profession and standing high in the esteem of educators in other than his own particular field of endeavor.

Mr. Alan is a descendant of sterling ancestors of the old Keystone state, of which he is a native, his birth having occurred in Greenville, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1872. He is the son of Walter T. and Laura (Sill) Alan, the father a Presbyterian minister of Greenville and

still active, being prominent in that denomination in his section of the state. The mother of the subject passed to her rest in the spring of 1904.

John S. Alan was reared in a wholesome Christian atmosphere and the ethics inculcated there have had much to do in shaping his subsequent career. He was educated in the public schools of Greenville, later entering Thiel College at that place, where he made an excellent record for scholarship and from which institution he was graduated in 1893, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1900 he received the degree of Master of Arts from the same institution. He has long entertained a laudable ambition to devote his life to teaching and, thus well equipped for his chosen vocation, he began teaching in the public schools of Greenville, where he continued for a period of four years, giving success from the first, his record auguring greater things in coming years. Then, for three years he was superintendent of the schools at Lowellville, Ohio. The next four years were spent as superintendent of public schools at Fredericktown, Knox county, and following this, in 1905, he came to Mt. Vernon as principal of the high school and a year later he was promoted to the superintendency, which position he still holds in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned.

Professor Alan's years of service as a superintendent have been characterized by a series of advancements in educational methods which demonstrate his ability as a man of progressive ideas, besides winning for him an honorable place among the leading superintendents of the state. Possessing great force of character and executive ability of a high order, he has brought the schools under his care to a high standard of efficiency, insisting that only teachers of recognized scholarship and professional experience be employed, and strengthening the courses of study. As an educator he is widely known and his suggestions pertaining to matters educational command respect in all the institutes, associations and conventions of superintendents which he attends, his well known success as a school manager and wide practical experience in general educational matters having long been of special value to his fellow associates, among whom he is held in the highest personal esteem. He is still a young man, in the very prime of vigorous physical and mental powers and in possessing genial manners, superior scholarship, which, with his years of close application from common school to high school principalship, and membership with some of the highest educational bodies of the land, it is eminently proper to bespeak for him a future of still greater efficiency and distinguished service in his chosen field of endeavor.

The domestic life of Superintendent Alan began on June 15, 1900, when he was united in marriage with Edna L. Jackson, daughter of John and Sisson E. Jackson, a highly esteemed family of Greenville, Pennsylvania. This union has been without issue.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Alan belongs to the Masonic order, the chapter and commandery, being a past master of the Mt. Vernon lodge. Politically, he is a Republican and while he is always interested in the general progress of his community, supporting such measures as make for the general good, he is not a biased partisan or a seeker of political honors, preferring to devote his exclusive attention to his chosen calling and keep abreast of the times in all phases of the same. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and he has long been active in church affairs and Sunday school work.

CHARLES C. IAMS.

Charles C. Iams was born October 23, 1860, at Tomah, Monroe county, Wisconsin, and he is the son of the late Rev. Francis M. and Mary M. Iams. On November 11, 1875, the family located in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where the subject has since made his home. In December, 1875, he was apprenticed to learn the printers' trade in the office of *Park's Floral Magazine*, and about fifteen months later he became the "devil" in the office of the *Mt. Vernon Republican*, a weekly paper then published by Wilkinson and Knabenshue. He learned the business thoroughly and passed through all the stages of "devil," pressman, job printer and foreman, and in 1887 became city editor of the *Republican* under the editorship of the late Col. Charles F. Baldwin, whom he succeeded as editor in the fall of 1894. In January, 1900, the Republican Publishing Company, publishers of the *Mt. Vernon Daily Republican-News* and the *Knox County Semi-Weekly Republican-News* reorganized as follows: Ben Ames, president; Charles C. Iams, vice-president, editor and manager, and L. A. Culbertson, secretary and treasurer; and this organization still continues. The news columns of the papers published by this company teem with the best and brightest chronicles of the world's happenings, and from a mechanical standpoint the *Republican-News* ranks with the best in the state, and it is rapidly growing in importance as an advertising medium.

Politically, Mr. Iams is a Republican and has ever been loyal in supporting and defending his party principles and he is prominent and influ-

ential in the councils of the party, both in county and state campaigns. He has never been an office seeker, but has aided in placing the best men in local offices. He is widely regarded as an able and worthy exponent of good government and right living. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic order, having passed the chairs in the subordinate lodges of these orders as well as in the chapter, council and commandery; he is a Knight Templar, a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Iams was married on November 25, 1880, to Katherine M. Hill, daughter of the late J. M. and Elizabeth Hill, and this union has resulted in the birth of one daughter, Edythe.

The *Mt. Vernon Republican* was established in 1840, and it was continued as a weekly paper until 1885, when it became a semi-weekly, attaining a large circulation. Col. C. F. and W. F. Baldwin, proprietors, Col. Charles F. Baldwin being editor-in-chief. A few years later the paper was purchased by the Republican Publishing Company, and in September, 1897, the publication of a daily edition was begun. The following year the word *News* was added to the original name, the publication becoming the *Mt. Vernon Daily and Semi-Weekly Republican News*. These papers have a wide circulation and are recognized among readers and advertisers as being up-to-date. The company also has a well equipped job office and this department does a large business. The office is modernly equipped in every respect, including a duplex newspaper press, rapid job presses, an abundance of modern type and other materials; the equipment also includes two linotype machines. The company owns its own building, a substantial two-story brick with basement, and admirably arranged for modern newspaper work.

FRANK O. LEVERING.

The life of the scholarly or professional man seldom exhibits any of those striking incidents that seize upon public feeling and attract attention to himself. His character is generally made up of the aggregate qualities and qualifications he may possess, as these may be elicited by the exercise of the duties of his vocation or the particular profession to which he belongs. But when such a man has so impressed his individuality upon his fellow men as to gain their confidence and through that confidence rises to high and important

public trust, he at once becomes a conspicuous figure in the body politic of the community and state. Frank O. Levering, ex-probate judge, and one of the leading attorneys of this section of the Buckeye state, is one of the scholarly, public-spirited, progressive citizens of the locality of which this history deals, who, not content to hide his talents amid life's sequestered ways, has by the force of will and a laudable ambition forged to the front in a responsible and exacting calling, and earned an honorable reputation in one of the most important branches of public service.

Mr. Levering is a worthy representative of two of our sterling pioneer families and his life has been spent in Knox county, his birth having occurred in Middlebury township on September 29, 1862. He is the son of John Cook Levering and Carrie (Richardson) Levering. When Ohio was a vast wilderness and the land still in possession of the government, and the abode of Indians and many species of wild beasts, the Levering family invaded its primeval solitudes and the name has been well known here ever since, figuring more or less conspicuously in the annals of the county of Knox, especially. The first progenitors of this family came to America in the latter years of the seventeenth century—Gerhard and Wigard Levering, who were sons of Rosier Levering, who was born in Holland of Anglo-Saxon parentage, his father and mother having been exiled from England on account of their religious belief. Rosier Levering married Elizabeth Vandewall, of Westphalia, Germany, and their son Gerhard was born in Camen, Germany, in 1660. In 1685, accompanied by his brother, Wigard, he crossed the Atlantic to America. Gerhard Levering married, and among his children was Daniel, who was born on December 2, 1704, and on May 12, 1735, Daniel was married, in Christ church, Philadelphia, to Margaret Beane, and they lived on a farm of one hundred acres in Whiteplain township, Montgomery county, New Jersey. To them was born a son, Henry, on June 10, 1738, who was the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. For many years Henry Levering lived at the Durham iron works in New Jersey, but in 1785 he removed to a farm in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. He married Ann Wynn, and to them was born Daniel Levering, the subject's great-grandfather, in New Jersey, on February 3, 1764. In 1785 he accompanied his parents to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he married Mary Kerney. In 1811 he visited Knox county, Ohio, and purchased a large tract of land from the government, in Owl creek valley, where he later located with his family and there spent his remaining years, starting as pioneer in the forest. His death occurred in 1820, his widow surviving until October 24, 1846, dying at the advanced age of eighty-four years. They were devout Presbyterians and leading citizens in the community.

Noah Levering, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on November 7, 1802, and in 1813 he came with his parents to Knox county, Ohio, and here he was married on March 25, 1828, to Armanella Cook, daughter of John and Ann Cook, who came to Ohio from Washington county, Pennsylvania, about 1805. Noah Levering was a farmer and his death occurred on March 4, 1881, his wife having preceded him to the grave on June 13, 1879.

John Cook Levering, father of the immediate subject of this review, was born on the old family homestead in Middlebury township, September 11, 1829, being the eldest of a family of ten children. He assisted his father with the general work on the farm and when twenty-one years old he purchased a farm of eighty acres and began farming for himself. In the year 1860 he was united in marriage with Carrie Richardson, daughter of Daniel and Thankful (Camp) Richardson, the father being a well known lumber merchant in New York for many years. Mr. Levering continued farming and adding to his holdings until he became one of the extensive landowners and substantial farmers of the county, actively interested in everything that made for the general progress of the community. He had an extensive reputation as a stockman, handling the best grades in the county, winning many first premiums, and he did as much if not more to improve the grade of domestic animals here in his day as any one. In 1866 he became a member of the Knox County Agricultural Society, of which he was a member for many years and for a number of years the president of the same. In 1881 he was elected a member of the Ohio state board of agriculture, and he assisted in the purchase and improvement of the present beautiful state fair grounds at Columbus, Ohio. For six years he was a member of the board, and was its first treasurer in 1885 and its president in 1886. In 1883 he represented Ohio in the national convention. In 1887 Governor Foraker appointed him a member of the Ohio centennial board. In 1890 he read a paper at the request of the secretary of the State Society of Agriculture before the Ohio agricultural convention on "Farmers' Horses and Horse Breeding." This led to the formation of the Ohio State Draft and Coach Horse Association in 1891, of which Mr. Levering was the president for three years. In 1871 he was elected commissioner of Knox county and re-elected in 1874, and many of the substantial improvements of the county were made during these years He was a life-long Democrat in politics, and in 1886 his party nominated him for Congress in the nineteenth Ohio district. He was always painstaking and conscientious in the performance of all public duties and he became known throughout the state, especially as an agriculturist and stock

man, and his influence was very potent and far-reaching in promoting modern phases in both. He was a man of keen business discernment, sound judgment and wise foresight, public-spirited and always ready with time and means to further any laudable undertaking for the general good of his locality. Early in life he became a member of the Presbyterian church and was a devout church member. He was a good and useful man and enjoyed the confidence, admiration and universal esteem of all who knew him. His death occurred September 13, 1903, and his widow is still living.

Frank O. Levering spent his youth on the farm and obtained his early education in the district schools, which he attended in the winter time, assisting with the general farm work during crop seasons. He later attended and graduated with honors from Eastman's Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, New York. In 1885 he entered the mercantile business at the village of Levering, Knox county, but not finding this line of endeavor entirely to his liking he abandoned the same in 1890 and took up the study of law in Mt. Vernon in the office of Hon Frank V. Owen and was admitted to the bar in 1892. He immediately began practicing in Mt. Vernon and he has built up a large and growing clientage, taking a place in the front rank of the legal profession in a locality long noted for the high order of its legal talent. He has kept fully abreast of the times in everything pertaining to his profession, winning a reputation for persistency, caution and a safe and prudent advocate, with few equals and no superiors. In 1883 he was appointed a member of the county board of elections and he performed his duties so faithfully that he was twice re-appointed. In 1896 he was elected probate judge of Knox county, which office he filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, irrespective of party alignment and giving evidence of attributes of a superior order and a fidelity to right that knew no bias. Retiring from office, he resumed the practice of the law, which he has continued with his usual success.

In connection with his professional duties, Judge Levering has been actively associated with the gas and oil development of this section of the state, and through his efforts much of the success of the field is attributable, and he has met with much success in a business way.

Politically, the Judge is an uncompromising Democrat, as was his honored father before him, and he has been active and prominent in party councils. He was a delegate to the Democratic national convention of 1900, and his work in committees has been effectual and has resulted in much good to the party. He has been a very influential delegate to county, district and state conventions. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, the chapter,

council and commandery, and is a past officer in all of the bodies; he is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and has filled the presiding offices in these lodges, being prominent in fraternal circles of the county.

Mr. Levering was married in 1886 to Byrdess E. Leiter, daughter of Capt. C. P. Leiter, a prominent citizen of Shelby, Ohio, of which city he was mayor for a number of years and otherwise an influential citizen there. To Mr. and Mrs. Levering have been born six children, namely: Howard A., Russell Edgar, John Collin, Nina May, Carlos and Ada.

GEORGE D. ARNDT, M. D.

Good intellectual training, thorough professional knowledge and the possession and utilization of the qualities and attributes essential to success, have made Dr. George D. Arndt, of Mt. Vernon, eminent in his chosen calling, and he stands today among the enterprising and popular physicians in a community noted for the high order of its medical talent, having, by his own persistent and praiseworthy efforts, won for himself a name whose luster the future years shall only augment, for at the same time he has won the confidence and esteem of the people of Knox county as a result of his exemplary life and obliging, genial nature.

Doctor Arndt was born in Amherst, Ohio, March 5, 1865, and is the son of John L. and Catherine (Graw) Arndt. The father was born in Germany, and there grew to manhood and was educated. He was one of the revolutionists of his country in 1849 and was imprisoned until 1853, in which year he was banished from the country, having been one of the early organizers of the revolution. He came direct to America and located in Hartford, Connecticut. He was educated as a minister in the German State church, but he had abandoned this for the study of medicine, and upon coming to America became qualified to practice and he opened an office in Hartford, later going to New York City and while engaged in practice there he was married to Catherine Graw, of Newark, New Jersey. In 1858 he came to Cleveland, Ohio, where he became connected with the Cleveland Homeopathic College. In 1863 he moved to Amherst, Ohio, and here he was commissioned to recruit a company for service in the Civil war, and at a meeting for securing recruits he had occasion to make some

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caustic remarks regarding the attitude of some anti-war Democrats and for his utterances he was attacked by some of the men present and was left for dead, but he finally recovered and lived two years afterwards, but eventually died from the injuries received upon that occasion. His widow then entered the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College, from which she was graduated in the year 1869, in the class with her oldest son, Hugo R., who is now field secretary of the American Institute of Homeopathy and an author of text books on homeopathy. The mother then practiced at Amherst, with much success until her death, in August, 1887, her death having been due to a sun-stroke, sustained on the streets of Cleveland.

Five children were born to John L. Arndt and wife, three of whom are living: Henry F., in addition to those mentioned above, is a successful business man, active in the development of the famous Amherst quarries, and is also prominent in public affairs; he is now one of the county commissioners of Lorain county. These children were reared and educated by the mother, who was a woman of unusual tact, intelligence and praiseworthy qualities. She was highly skilled in her chosen profession and enjoyed a large patronage and the friendship of a wide acquaintance.

George D. Arndt was educated in the public schools of Amherst until he was thirteen years of age, when he went to work on a farm and at the age of nineteen he returned to the public schools in Amherst where he completed the high school course in four months. He had previously learned the carpenters' trade. Upon leaving the home schools he was an attendant at the Kalamazoo State Asylum for the Insane, preparatory to taking up the study of medicine, for which he had a natural bent, in view of the fact that both his parents had been medical people. In October, 1885, the subject entered Michigan University at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in which institution his brother, Dr. Hugo Arndt, was a professor of materia medica. George D. was graduated from this department in June, 1888, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, having made an excellent record there for scholarship. He then went to St. Joseph's Retreat, at Dearborn, Michigan, as physician and here he was meeting with encouraging success when he was injured by an inmate. While he was recovering he was induced to locate at Berlin Heights, Erie county, Ohio, and there he was engaged in practice for a year and a half, and while there he was married, on March 5, 1890, to Ada M. Pearl, daughter of Capt. A. H. and Thursa M. (Hyde) Pearl, a well known family of that place The union of the Doctor and wife was graced by the birth of three daughters, namely: Louise E., Loma P. and Mary C., all living at home at this writing.

In 1889 Dr. Arndt moved to Granville, Licking county, Ohio, where he continued practicing with his usual success for one and one-half years. He then moved to San Diego, California, where he spent three years. Returning to Ohio in 1894, he located in Mt. Vernon and has practiced here ever since, having built up a large and ever-growing practice with the city and county and taking first rank among the leading medical men of this section of the Buckeye state. He maintains a well-equipped office at No. 7 South Gay street. He has been very successful as a general practitioner and, ever a profound student of medical science, he has kept well abreast of the times in all that pertains to his chosen calling. He belongs to the Knox County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society; Homeopathic State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association; American Institute of Homeopathy, the American Roentgenological Society, the American Electro-Therapeutic Society, before all of which he has read papers which have always been well received and carried weight; he also belongs to the Southeastern Ohio Medical Society, and he has been a research student, always upon special subjects.

Politically, the Doctor is independent. He is a member of the city board of education, and he and his family are members of the Congregational church.

While Doctor Arndt does a general practice, he has made a specialty of the eye, ear, nose and throat and he has won a wide reputation in this line, having few peers among his colleagues in this locality. The family is prominent in medical, literary and social circles of Mt. Vernon and their friends are limited only by the bounds of their acquaintance.

SHERIDAN G. DOWDS.

In the constant and laborious struggle for an honorable competence and a creditable name on the part of business or professional men, there is little to attract the reader in search of a sensational chapter, but to a mind thoroughly awake to the true meaning of life and its responsibilities there are noble and imperishable lessons in the career of an individual who, with little other means than a sound mind, fertile perceptive faculty, a true heart and willing hands, conquers adversity and not only wins a prominent position in the industrial world, but what is equally as great, the deserved esteem and confidence of his fellow men. Such a man is Sheridan G. Dowds, for many

years one of the leading business men of Knox county and the present efficient and popular postmaster of Mt. Vernon, whose name is so intimately associated with the material and civic interests of the locality where he has spent his life, his upright career and wholesome moral influence making him popular with all classes, irrespective of party alignment.

Mr. Dowds was born on July 18, 1865, on a farm near Amity, Pike township, Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of Elijah W. and Mary E. (Barber) Dowds, the father born in West Virginia and the mother in Knox county, Ohio. Elijah Dowds came to this county when a young man, following the death of his father in West Virginia, when the country was only partly developed, his mother having accompanied him, and they settled in Monroe township, in the woods, having bought land, which he began clearing, and, by hard work and good management, he had a good farm and a comfortable home in due course of time. They underwent the hardships incident to the lives of early settlers, meeting the struggle commendably and courageously. The Barber family came from Pennsylvania and settled in Pike township, Knox county, and here Elijah Dowds and Mary E. Barber were married. The elder Dowds became one of the prosperous farmers of the township and a large landowner and prominent in local affairs. He was a man of exemplary character and was highly regarded. His death occurred in May, 1878, when his son, Sheridan G., of this sketch, was fourteen years old. His widow survives. She was born on November 3, 1833, being twenty-seven years the junior of her husband, who was born in 1806. They were the parents of seven sons, namely: Wilson B., deceased; Joseph S., deceased; John H., of Los Angeles, California; Sheridan G., of this sketch; Charles C., of Mt. Vernon; Cornelius K. is farming in Pike township, this county; Alva A., of Mt. Vernon.

Sheridan G. Dowds was reared on the home farm, where he worked when of proper age during the crop season, attending the country district schools in the winter months. He remained at home on the farm until his marriage, on February 18, 1888, to Aurilla D. Black, daughter of Dr. J. L. and Dors J. (Sapp) Black, an excellent family of Amity; Mr. Black is deceased, but Mrs. Black is still living.

Two sons and two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dowds, namely: Robert E. is a student at Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio; Edwin D. is a medical student; Vivian is a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University; Marjorie E. is at home with her parents.

After his marriage Mr. Dowds engaged in the general mercantile business at Democracy, Pike township, this county, which he continued there

until 1891, when he was elected treasurer of Knox county and moved to Mt. Vernon, holding this office during two terms, being regarded as an efficient and faithful public servant. He then went to Chesterville, Morrow county, this state, where he resumed merchandising, maintaining a store there four years, when his store was burned, after which he returned to Mt. Vernon, in 1900, and here engaged in the wholesale grocery business under the firm name of J. Hildreth & Company, continuing with his usual success until 1905, when Mr. Hildreth died and the Kelser-Dowds Company was formed, wholesale grocers, as a corporation and they have continued in business to the present time, enjoying a large patronage throughout this section of the state, carrying a large and carefully selected line of staple and fancy groceries, shipping large consignments of goods to surrounding towns and taking a high rank in the local business world.

Politically, Mr. Dowds is an uncompromising Republican and he has always been prominent in public affairs and a local party leader. In 1905 he was elected to the state Legislature as representative from Knox county and he served one term in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and won the hearty approval of his constituents. He made his influence felt for the good of his community and the state in general and won the respect and admiration of his colleagues. He assisted in the election of Mark Hanna to the United States Senate. In 1908 he was appointed postmaster at Mt. Vernon and has discharged the duties of the same to the present time in a highly satisfactory manner to the people and the department. He has been a frequent delegate to party conventions and has been a member of county and district committees and prominent in the councils of his party.

Fraternally, Mr. Dowds belongs to the Masonic order, and is a member of the commandery and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and he is active in fraternal affairs. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a faithful supporter of the same. The family takes a leading part in the social life of the community.

JOHN TAYLOR SMITH.

It is always pleasant and profitable to contemplate the career of a man who has won a definite goal in life, whose record has been such as to command the honor and respect of his fellow citizens. Such in brief is the record of John Taylor Smith, farmer of College township, Knox county, an honest,

whole-souled gentleman who has tried to lead a life of sobriety and uprightness, one that would give offense to no one, laboring not only for his own advancement and that of his immediate family, but also for the improvement of the entire community whose interests he has long had at heart. Although he hails from the old Oriole state, the major part of his active career has been spent in the vicinity of which this history treats.

Mr. Smith was born in Washington county, Maryland, on November 26, 1846. He is the son of Joseph B. and Mary (Brewer) Smith, who grew up and were married in the Eastern states and came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1861, with their family, and settled on a farm in Pleasant township and here became very well established Politically, the father was a Republican, but was not active in public affairs, though always interested. His death occurred in February, 1869, when he was fifty-two years old, his widow surviving many years, her death having occurred in 1901 at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. Their family consisted of nine children, five of whom are now living, namely: John T., of this sketch; Mary, who married Alva Steinmetz, he being now deceased; Elizabeth has remained single; Daniel B. lives in Mt. Vernon; Matilda married Edward Kring, of Mt. Vernon.

John T. Smith, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm where, as soon as old enough, he was put to work in the fields. During the winter months he attended the district schools. He was married on January 28, 1880, to Mary J. Boyd, daughter of Hugh and Jane (McLean) Boyd, of Clay township, Knox county. Three children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: J. Boyd; Grace L. is deceased; Joseph Charles is also deceased. The living child is married and is making his home with his father, assisting with the general work on the farm.

After his marriage John T. Smith began farming in Pleasant township, this county, where he remained ten years, then moved to College township in 1890, locating on the farm where he still resides, and which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. In connection with general farming he makes a specialty of raising sheep, keeping large herds, which, owing to their excellent quality, bring good prices. He has been successful in the wool business and for twenty-five years he engaged in sawmilling in Pleasant township. He has been very successful in a business way and now has a good farm, a pleasant home and a fair competency.

Politically, Mr. Smith is a Republican and he has been active in public affairs. He has been township trustee and school director for several years. He was elected county commissioner in 1901 and he served two terms or seven years. He has always discharged his duties very acceptably and effi-

ciently in all public positions. He has been a frequent delegate to district and county conventions, and is an influential and well known citizen in this part of the county. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Mt. Vernon Lodge, also the Pleasant Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, being a charter member of No. 677, of the latter. He has been an active member and officer in the Grange. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder and an active worker in the church and Sunday school.

STEPHEN B. DODD.

The gentleman whose life history is herewith outlined is a man who has lived to good purpose and achieved a much greater degree of success than many of his contemporaries, who started out together "in life's morning march when the bosom is young." By a straightforward and commendable course Mr. Dodd has made his way to a respectable position in the business world, winning the hearty admiration of the people of Martinsburg and the southern part of Knox county, as an enterprising, progressive man of affairs which the public has not been slow to recognize and appreciate.

Stephen B. Dodd was born on July 8, 1847, on a farm in Clay township, one mile east of Martinsburg. He is the son of Stephen Baldwin Dodd and Sarah Ann (Sinkey) Dodd, both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, from which they each came with their parents to Knox county, Ohio, when children and here they grew to maturity, received their educational training in the common schools and were married. Rev. Thaddeus Dodd, grandfather of the subject, came here with his family in an early day and the Sinkey family were also early settlers. The paternal grandfather was a man of much influence in the Presbyterian church and he did much good in his ministerial work wherever he went in the early days. His son, Stephen B. Dodd, father of the subject, was a physician and practiced his profession at Martinsburg for many years. He became one of the best known doctors in the county in his day. He studied medicine after he was married, later attending the Cincinnati Medical College. He was a physician of the old school and, although some of his methods were somewhat heroic, he was very successful. He had four sons: Abraham, who was born March 1, 1843, was a medical student when he died February 16, 1864; Stephen B., of this review; Alfred M., born March 29, 1851, is a traveling salesman and resides in Columbus, Ohio; James F., born July 21, 1858, lives in Delaware, Ohio, and is also a traveling salesman.

The Dodd family is of English origin. Daniel Dodd, the first member of the family in America, was born in England and he came to the United States in early years as the sole representative of his family and his death occurred at Bradford, Connecticut, in 1665. He had four sons, Daniel, Ebenezer, Stephen and Samuel. The subject of this sketch is a descendant of Stephen Dodd, who was a Presbyterian minister, and the professions have been represented by each succeeding generation. The Christian name, Stephen, has been adopted by succeeding members of the family to the subject. There is no representative at present in Knox county of the family of Abraham Sinkey. This family was related to President James Buchanan, also Robert Fulton, the great inventor. The death of Grandfather Sinkey occurred on June 20, 1841, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife survived until February 11, 1872, reaching the advanced age of ninety-eight years. The grandparents on both sides of the house of the subject were buried in the Martinsburg cemetery. Grandfather Sinkey served in the army during the Indian wars.

Dr. Stephen B. Dodd was born on June 10, 1820, and he died on June 30, 1863, his widow surviving until May 13, 1891, when seventy-two years old, having been born on March 20, 1818. They spent practically their entire lives in Clay township, Knox county, having come here in 1823, and they saw the county develop from a wilderness to one of the foremost sections of the Buckeye state, and took no small part in the same, being industrious and highly honored people.

Stephen B. Dodd, of this sketch, worked some on the farm in his boyhood and he received his education in the public schools of Martinsburg. He was married on April 22, 1875, to Mariah E. McClelland, daughter of Henry and Vasti (Woodruff) McClelland. Her father came from Pennsylvania when a small boy, his father having emigrated here with the early pioneers and settled in Licking county, Ohio, where Mrs. Dodd's father grew to manhood, and this family has been prominent in this section ever since. Mr. McClelland died in July, 1908, and his wife on March 20, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodd are the parents of three sons and three daughters, namely: Abraham Nelson, born September 16, 1876, lives in Newark, Ohio; Alfred M., born March 5, 1878, lives in Utica; Lena L., born August 28, 1879, married Mark Edmond, of Licking county; Blanche B., January 14, 1881, married Clyde Berger, of Martinsburg; Ida M., May 19, 1883, died August 5, 1889; William H., born March 9, 1887, lives at Utica; Ethel E., born May 28, 1889, married Ray Layman, of Licking county.

After his marriage Mr. Dodd settled in Martinsburg and engaged in

the mercantile business for several years; since then he has followed various pursuits, always with success. He is a man of industry and applies himself closely to whatever he has in hand. He has long maintained a saw mill and feed mill in Martinsburg, and has also been engaged in water-well drilling for a number of years. In connection with these interests, he looks after his farm, a half mile south of Martinsburg. He has been a busy man of affairs and has established a commodious and pleasant home.

Politically, Mr. Dodd is a Republican and is a loyal supporter of his party's principles, in fact, has long been regarded as a local leader, his counsel being frequently sought by candidates. He supports such measures as make for the general upbuilding of the community. At one time he very ably represented Clay township as a member of the Republican county central committee and he has been a frequent delegate to conventions of his party. He has been a member of the Martinsburg school board and has held various other local offices. He is a member of the township election board.

Fraternally, Mr. Dodd belongs to the Masonic order, having been a Mason for more than thirty years. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a class leader in the same and has long been active in church and Sunday school work. Mrs. Dodd is a worthy member of the various church societies.

The Dodds have long been prominent in the circles in which they have been pleased to move, their influence having always been strong in the general upbuilding of the community of their residence.

GEORGE E. HOOK.

Devoting his energies to agriculture, George E. Hook, of the vicinity of Martinsburg, enjoys distinctive prestige as one of the most enterprising and progressive of our younger generation of farmers. He is one of the large land owners of Clay township, of which he is a native and where he has been content to spend his life, having wisely decided that no better opportunities were to be found by a man of his bent than right here in this nature-favored section of the great Buckeye state. In point of general improvements his fertile fields and substantial buildings are not surpassed in his neighborhood. With not an abundance of capital, but with a liberal endowment of self-reliance, a clear brain, a strong will and a determined purpose, Mr. Hook has overcome many obstacles and discouraging circumstances and has gradually

forged to the front in the chosen arena of his endeavor while yet "in life's morning march when the bosom is young." As a citizen he has sought to be a supporter of such movements as are calculated to make for the general improvement of the community in which he resides, and he has kept untarnished the honored name of his forebears, the family having been well known and highly esteemed here for over a half century.

Mr. Hook was born in Pleasant township, Knox county, June 7, 1874, on a farm. He is the son of Thomas and Ella (Bell) Hook, the father born in Kirkersville, Licking county, Ohio, September 4, 1847, and the mother was born near Utica, that county. They both came to Knox county as young people and were married here, first settling on a farm near Hunt's Station, and they became well established through industry and close application. The father is still living, his wife having died on May 8, 1888. Two sons were born to these parents, George E., of this review, and Charles, who lives in Licking county.

The Hook family has been a prominent one in Clay township, and there the grandparents, Ezra and Jane (Hunt) Hook, are still living, with their son, Thomas, father of the subject.

George E. Hook was reared on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work and he was educated in the country district schools and the Martinsburg high school. He was married on September 29, 1894, to Zona McCamment, daughter of George and Adeline (Wolf) McCamment, of Clay township. Both parents are now deceased. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hook, namely: Ella, Jay and Alice.

Mr. Hook has been very successful in a business way and, by frugality, indomitable energy and straightforward dealings with his fellow men, he has become one of the substantial young farmers of the township, being the owner of a fertile, well improved and well-kept farm of four hundred acres, lying two and one-half miles southeast of Martinsburg. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale and he feeds large numbers of live stock for the market, no small part of his annual income being derived from this source.

Politically, Mr. Hook is a Republican and he has taken a good citizen's interest in the affairs of his township and county. He has served as township trustee for a period of ten years consecutively, which is certainly a criterion of his high standing among his neighbors. He is also a member of the township board of education and has always been known as a man of progressive ideas. He is an advocate of public improvements of all kinds—good roads, better schools and public buildings, in fact, everything that tends to uplift the people.

CHRIS E. DUDGEON.

It is a well authenticated fact that success comes not as the caprice of chance, but as the legitimate result of well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance in a course of action once decided upon by the individual. Only those who diligently seek the goddess Fortuna, find her; she was never known to smile upon the idler. The subject of this sketch clearly understood this fact early in life when he was casting about for a legitimate and promising line to follow, and in tracing his life history it is plainly seen that the prosperity he enjoys has been won by commendable qualities, and it is also his personal worth which has gained for him the good standing among his fellow citizens in Clay township, where he owns a valuable farm.

Mr. Dudgeon is the scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of Knox county, and he was born here on September 7, 1875, on the farm where he still lives. He is the son of Timothy and Lovey (Campbell) Dudgeon, the father born in Auglaize county, Ohio, and the mother in Knox county, and here they have devoted their lives to farming, the father becoming one of the large landowners and substantial citizens of Clay township, and he carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, his home farm of three hundred and seventy acres comprising some of the best land in the county. He led a quiet life, and although he was a strong Democrat he never held office. His death occurred in February, 1910. His widow survives. Two children were born to them, Scott, of this review, and Christopher, who is married and living on a part of the homestead. This land was first entered from the government by the father of Margaret Elliott, wife of Charles Dudgeon, grandfather of the subject, the elder Dudgeon having moved his family to Clay township in pioneer days.

Mr. Dudgeon was reared on the home farm and assisted with the general work there during his boyhood and he attended the country district schools. He was married on February 16, 1898, to Margaret Ely, daughter of Homer and Dorcas (Veatch) Ely, of Harrison township. These parents are both deceased. They were highly esteemed people in their community. The father devoted his life to farming and established a good home. Two daughters have been born to the subject and wife, Ruth and Grace.

Since his marriage Mr. Dudgeon has lived on one hundred and forty acres, a part of the old home farm, which he has kept well improved and well cultivated and has so skillfully rotated his crops and employed the best of the modern methods of farming that the land has not been depleted in

strength, retaining its original fertility. In connection with general farming he raises various kinds of live stock, of excellent grades. He has been a Democrat since reaching maturity, but has never been a public man. He is a member of the township board of elections, having held this position for eight years. In his faternal relations he belongs to the Bladensburg Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

CORWIN D. MOREY.

Among the honored veterans of the greatest war in all history and one of the respected citizens of Milford township, Knox county, who, for many reasons, are entitled to specific mention in this history is Corwin D. Morey. All honor is due the brave boys in blue who, when slavery and treason was rife in the land and the very foundations of the Union threatened, laid aside personal consideration, forsook home and fireside, the field or the mart, and went to the bloody arena in the Southland, gallantly offering their services and their lives, if need be, in order that "the government for the people and by the people might not perish from the earth," in the language of the great martyred leader of that period.

Mr. Morey was born in Milford township, this county, November 26, 1846. He is the son of Joseph and Rhoda (Dailey) Morey. The father was born in Vermont in 1800 and the mother was born in Virginia in 1810. The father came to Ohio when but a boy and the mother was also a child when she arrived in this county. Here they grew to maturity and were married and began life on a farm which they became owners of and had a good home. Two children were born to them, Rosa T., and Corwin D., of this sketch. The father was a Republican and was active in the affairs of his township, though he never sought office. He belonged to the Congregational church, while she belonged to the Disciples church. They had both been married before, and he had three children by his first wife and she three by her first husband. The death of Joseph Morey occurred in 1880 and the mother of the subject died about 1900.

Corwin D. Morey was educated in the public schools of Milford township and he was reared on the home farm. He took up farming early in life, and after the war he rented his father's place, in Milford township, later purchasing it, seventy acres, and put good buildings on the same and here made a success as a general farmer and has made this his home to the present time. He has kept the old place well improved and well cultivated so that it has retained its original fertility.

When the Civil war began Mr. Morey wanted to enlist, but was not old enough to bear arms, so he waited patiently and finally, on May 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with much credit one hundred days or until September 4th of the same year, in the Army of the Potomac, in front of Petersburg. He re-enlisted on January 27, 1865, in the Sixth Independent Company of Ohio Sharpshooters, serving with the Army of the Cumberland till the close of the war.

Mr. Morey was married in 1872 to Sarah L. Bishop, a native of Knox county, and the daughter of Arnold Bishop, one of the three brothers who first settled here, and Mrs. Morey here grew to womanhood and received her education.

To the subject and wife five children have been born, namely: Roy C., who married Kitten Brazil, was a soldier in Company L, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the Spanish-American war, seeing service with the army in Porto Rico; Ethel L. is the wife of Clarence Coe; Pearl C. was next in order of birth; Raymond B. is in the marine service of the United States and is at present located at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Madge E. is the wife of Melvin Fry.

Politically, Mr. Morey is a Republican and is a member of the school board. He is a member of the Disciples church. He is a member of the Grange, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs.

ELMER ELLSWORTH HOLLISTER.

The agricultural interests of Knox county have no better representatives than her native-born citizens, many of whom are classed among its most practical, enterprising and successful farmers. One of this number is Elmer Ellsworth Hollister, of Milford township, who, dependent largely upon his own resources from boyhood, has so applied his energies and ability as to attain a success worthy the name, while his high standing in the community indicates the objective appreciation of his sterling character.

Mr. Hollister was born in Liberty township, this county, December 2, 1861. He is the son of Orange and Loduskey (Osborne) Hollister. The paternal grandparents, Harmon and Mahala (Bird) Hollister, were early settlers in Liberty township, where they had a good farm, and there they died. The maternal grandparents, John and Nancy Osborne, came from

Pennsylvania to Morrow county, Ohio, in an early day and there spent the balance of their lives.

The father of the subject was born in Liberty township, this county, in 1834, and the mother was born in Mt. Liberty in 1843. They were married in the latter place and they spent their lives on the small farm which they owned. Their family consisted of three children, two of whom are living, Elmer E., of this review, and Emma A., Alonzo, the third in order of birth, being deceased. Politically, the father was a stanch Republican, but he never held office or aspired to public honors. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mt. Liberty. His death occurred in 1875, but his widow still survives.

Elmer E. Hollister was reared on the farm and he received his education in the common schools, the Red Hill school house, Morrow county. He started in life for himself by working out by the month, then he rented land for eight years, thereby getting a good start. His wife then inherited a farm in Milford township and there they now own seventy-four acres of excellent land on which they make a comfortable living and have a good home there. In connection with general farming, stock raising is carried on.

Mr. Hollister is a Republican, and both belong to the Baptist church at Lock, and they also belong to the Grange, and the Red Men.

Mr. Hollister was married on June 3, 1883, to Hattie Larimore, who was born on October 1, 1859, on the farm where the subject now lives and here she grew to womanhood and received her education in the neighboring schools. She is the daughter of Isaac and Mary Larimore, old settlers here, the father born in Virginia and the mother in Licking county, Ohio. Isaac Larimore was born in 1821 and he came to Knox county about 1843 and here was married. He was a successful farmer, a large landowner and a well known and well liked citizen. His family consisted of eleven children, five of whom are living, Joseph M., Hattie, James, William and Rose C., wife of F. M. Sutton, of Knox county. Politically, Mr. Larimore was a Democrat, but was never an office seeker. He was a member of the Methodist church. His death occurred in 1905; his wife was born in 1829 and she died in 1909.

The parental grandparents of Mrs. Hollister, James and Naomi Larimore, were natives of Virginia, in which state they lived and died. They never lived in Knox county, but they made a visit here. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Hollister, Joseph and Mary Montonja, were natives of Virginia. Each came to Licking county single, but were widower and widow at the time of their marriage.

LEVI S. BURGER.

One of our most worthy and highly respected pioneers is Levi S. Burger, of Pike township, one of the best known men of the northern part of Knox county. He has lived most of his long and useful life in this locality which he has seen developed from a sparsely settled wilderness and in which transformation he has taken no small part, having been a hard worker and a public-spirited man, who believed in encouraging industry and right living in others and fostering material and public improvements while advancing his own interests. He talks interestingly of the olden days when the country was new, conditions different, customs not the same as they are today,—in fact, when everything was changed. Now that the mellow Indian summer of his years has settled serenely around him he is living a quiet life, leaving the active management of his farmstead to others of his family, enjoying a well earned rest, and he can look back over his life path, flecked with sunshine and shadow, with no compunction for misdeeds and no regrets for ungentlemanly acts, and he therefore merits the high esteem in which he is held by all.

Mr. Burger was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1833, and is the son of Jacob and Susanna (Rush) Burger. His paternal grandfather, Abraham Burger, most probably came to this country from Germany in an early day, locating in Pennsylvania and there lived and died. The maternal grandfather, George Rush, was a native of Germany, who came to America in early life, spending the remainder of his years in Pennsylvania. The father of the subject was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Center county, that state, and there they grew up and were married, living there until 1835, when they moved to Knox county, Ohio, and here he bought land which his brother had entered from the government and which is still owned by the Burger family. Here he established a good home and spent the rest of his life. Politically, he was a Democrat and was at one time supervisor, but he led a quiet life. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Burger, six of whom are still living.

Levi S. Burger was educated in the public schools of Knox county and reared on the home farm, having been about two years old when he was brought here by his parents. The country being new, he had to work hard when a boy and he quite naturally took to farming for a livelihood; later he bought out the other heirs after the father's death and he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Pike township, which he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation and on which he has made a

good living at general farming and stock raising. When he first came to this place only half an acre was cleared. The rude house and barn that was there gave way in due course of time to six more substantial buildings.

Politically, Mr. Burger is a Democrat. He has been school director, also supervisor for ten years, and he has served on the grand jury frequently. He has been living retired for some time and his sons have operated the place. He purchased a very cozy dwelling in North Liberty some time ago. He and his wife are members of the Brethren church.

Mr. Burger was married in 1859 to Catherine Wolford, a native of Wayne county, and the daughter of George Wolford, one of the old settlers there. Children have been born to Levi S. Burger and wife, named as follows: George, Joseph and John are deceased; Ella, Blanche, Della, Allison P., Jacob, James, Edward and William A.

CLARENCE D. SWETLAND.

Energy, sound judgment and persistency of effort, properly applied, will always win the goal sought in the sphere of human endeavor, no matter what the environment may be or what obstacles are met with, for they who are endowed with such characteristics make of their adversities stepping-stones to higher things. These reflections are suggested by the career of Clarence D. Swetland, one of the enterprising and progressive farmers and stock raisers of Wayne township, Knox county, who has not permitted obstacles to thwart him in his life purpose, but has forged ahead in spite of them and is today one of the representative citizens of his community.

Mr. Swetland was born on August 1, 1863, in Sparta, Morrow county, Ohio. He is the son of William and Cornelia (Hulse) Swetland, both natives of Morrow county, where they grew up, were educated, married and, in fact, have spent their lives, the father yet living on the farm where he was born; the mother also survives. They are well known and prosperous citizens of that locality.

The son, Clarence D., of this review, spent his boyhood and youth on the home farm and there he began working as soon as old enough. He received his education in the country district schools of Morrow county, and on November 19, 1884, he was married to Clara B. Rood, daughter of William H. and Mariah (Bell) Rood, of Wayne townhip, Knox county. Her father was born in Fayette county, Ohio, and the mother was a native of Ireland.

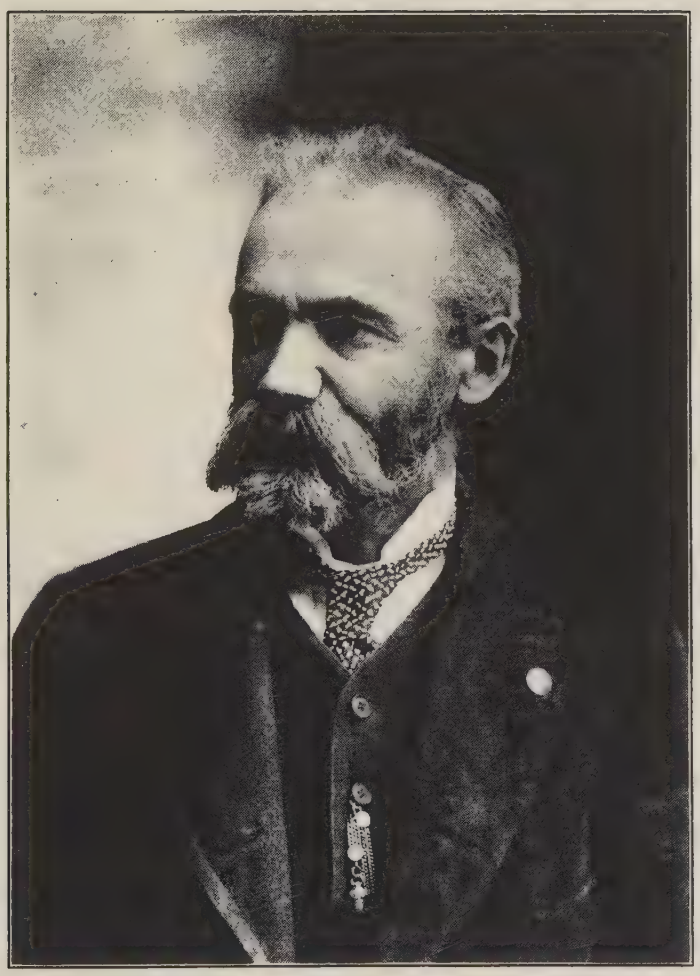
Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swetland, namely: Edith, Roscoe and Florence. Edith married Ray B. Dickson December 21, 1911, and Roscoe married Hazel Trobridge November 8, 1911.

For a period of five years after their marriage the subject and wife lived on the home farm in Morrow county, and in 1890 they moved to their present farm of two hundred acres of fine fertile land three miles southwest of Fredericktown, Knox county. Mr. Swetland has been a hard worker and has managed well, his place being under a high state of improvement and cultivation. He believes in employing modern methods of agriculture, carefully studying all phases of modern farming, in connection with which he raises all kinds of live stock, specializing in sheep raising. He has a large, comfortable home and substantial outbuildings and everything about his place denotes that a gentleman of thrift and good taste has its management in hand.

Politically, Mr. Swetland is a Democrat, and while he takes the interest of a loyal and public-spirited citizen in public affairs, he has never been an aspirant for political honors or the emoluments of offices within the gift of the people, though he has served as a member of the township board of education. He is a member of Fredericktown Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is one of the promoters and directors of the First National Bank of Fredericktown. His support may always be depended upon in movements having as their object the betterment of conditions, especially educational, of his community and he is in every way worthy of the high esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

MAX MEYERS.

No people that go to make up our cosmopolitan civilization have better habits of life than those who came originally from the German empire. They and their descendants are distinguished for their thrift and honesty, and these two qualities in the inhabitants of any country will in the end alone make that country great. When with these two qualities is coupled the other quality of sound sense, which all the Germanic race seems to possess to a large degree, there are afforded such qualities as will enrich any land and place it at the top of the countries of the world in the scale of elevated humanity. Of this excellent people came Max Meyers, prosperous business man and influential citizen of Mt. Vernon, Knox county. He comes of a race that produced the famous "Iron Chancellor," the greatest statesman, all



MAX MEYERS

things considered, that ever walked this terrestrial footstool. He comes of a race that is noted for its original investigations in the problems of civilized life—such men as Goethe and Heckel, Schiller and Beethoven. The Germanic blood is found in many of the greatest men and women of this and former decades, and the subject of this sketch may well be proud of his descent from such a race.

Mr. Meyers was born on November 17, 1843, in Prussia, near Berlin, Germany. He is the son of Herman and Rose Meyers and was one of a family of nine sons and one daughter. The father was a tailor and for many years followed his trade in the city of Berlin. The son, Max, was educated in the schools of Berlin, and when only fourteen years of age he began clerking in a store, where he remained three years. He then became a traveling salesman for a tobacco firm and this he followed with success until he was twenty-one years of age, when he emigrated to America, landing in New York on July 3, 1865, with nothing but the clothing he wore, his strong body and an ambition to work and succeed. He could speak no English, and he was forced to take any employment he could get. His first job in the new world was in a hat and cap factory, where he remained until the season closed in January, 1866, having advanced to the position of shipping clerk, and during that time became acquainted with our language. He then went to Hornellsville, New York, where he took a position as clerk in a clothing store, later driving a wagon with a man who sold tinware over the country and buying junk at the same time, also hides, furs, etc. Here he remained until 1871, when his employer came to Columbus, Ohio, bringing Mr. Meyers with him and he continued in that gentleman's employ until 1872. He also worked in Cincinnati for a time, but cast his lot with the people of Mt. Vernon in 1872 and here he has since remained, having begun business for himself. He first started with a peddling cart, selling tinware and glassware or trading it for junk. His business prospered until he had several wagons on the road selling tinware and gathering junk, hides and furs. His teams and wagons traveled over this section of the state for about twenty years, his business prospering all the while. In 1874 he added a stove and tinware store to his business and later a plumbing department, and by fair dealing and close attention to business all of his enterprises prospered. After discontinuing his road wagons, about 1894, he gave all his attention to his store and plumbing business, which has long since grown to large proportions, and which he still continues. However, in 1908, he turned over the plumbing department to his sons, George R. and Joseph H., who are both practical workmen and who carry on that department of the busi-

ness in a most successful and able manner, the elder Meyers giving his entire attention to his tin and stove business. The former line is conducted by the sons under the firm name of the Knox Plumbing & Heating Company. The subject also has other business interests. He owns and occupies a large, substantial and modern business building at the corner of Gambier and Sandusky streets, his attractive, up-to-date residence occupying the opposite corner of the street. He has been very successful in all his undertakings and, having been a man of integrity and straightforward principles, he has won the confidence and respect of all who know him and is in every way deserving of the large success which is today his.

Mr. Meyers was married on October 25, 1868, to Sarah Shaw, of Hornellsville, New York, and to this union six children have been born, three of whom are living at this writing; they were named as follows: George R. and Joseph H., who are associated with their father in business; Cora married Carl Ackerman, of Columbus; Charles and Elizabeth are deceased, and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Meyers is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic order. Politically, he is a Democrat and has long been an influential factor in local politics and a leader in public affairs. For a period of ten years he served as a member of the city council of Mt. Vernon, representing the second ward in an able and praiseworthy manner, and in 1909 he was a member of the city board of real estate appraisers. He is the only member of the family who came to America and he is glad he came. He is a fine example of what thrift, energy and honesty can accomplish when rightly directed, notwithstanding early handicaps.

ROBERT S. GAINES.

The name of Robert S. Gaines, of Howard township, is too well known to the people of Knox county to need much comment, for the readers of this work nearly all know him as an excellent representative of the better class of farmers and stock men of the United States. However, he is at present living in practical retirement, after a long life of industry. He comes from an ancestry that figured more or less prominently in the affairs of the country in pioneer days and it would seem that he has inherited many of their sterling traits which have guided him in useful and successful channels. Mr. Gaines has dignified his every station in life with a charm that has constantly added

to his personal worth and has discharged the duties of citizenship with the earnestness and loyalty characteristic of the true American. His popularity extends wherever he is known, his probity is recognized by his fellow men, and his sterling character both as a private citizen and public servant has won him the lasting regard of the people of his township and county.

Mr. Gaines was born on October 4, 1843, on a farm in Brown township, this county, four miles north of Howard. He is the son of Thomas B. and Susanna (Burkholder) Gaines, both natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, where they grew up, were educated and married. They emigrated to Knox county, Ohio, in April, 1834, and settled in Brown township when the country was new and little developed and here they worked hard to get a start, but in due course of time had a good home, in fact, the elder Gaines became a large land owner and prosperous farmer. He was an extensive sheep raiser, being among the first large sheep raisers of this county, assisting to further an industry for which the Buckeye state has been noted for three-quarters of a century. His stock and wool clips were always high grade and found ready markets. Although a Virginian by birth and his father a slave owner, Thomas B. Gaines was not an adherent of the customs prevailing in the Old Dominion, but was a Republican in politics and he was active in the affairs of his township and county, holding various local offices. His death occurred here on July 26, 1876, his wife having preceded him to the grave only a few days. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Jacob, of Mt. Vernon; John C., of Danville; Sarah, who married H. H. Workman; Joannah is deceased; Mary E. married Worthington Hyatt; Robert S., of this sketch; Louisa married H. C. White, of Brown township; Uriah lives in Mt. Vernon.

Robert S. Gaines grew up on the home farm, where he early in life became acquainted with hard work. In the winter time he attended the public schools of his district. On October 20, 1869, he was united in marriage with Isabelle Baker, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Love) Baker, of Union township, and to this union seven children were born, named as follows: Thomas, of Danville; Joseph, of Brown township; Chaney, of Danville; Elizabeth married Elmer Parker, of Howard township; Harry, of Danville; Sherman, of Harrison township.

Mr. Gaines began his married life on the farm adjoining the home place in Howard township, and engaged in general farming, stock raising and feeding, and for many years he was engaged in buying and shipping all kinds of live stock in the east end of Knox county, becoming widely known as an

excellent judge of stock and a fair and square dealer. He had a fine farm and kept it well improved and under a high state of cultivation, at one time being an extensive land owner, but in recent years he has reduced his holdings and business cares, retaining only eighty-eight acres, and is practically retired from all activities, as before intimated. He has a splendid place and is enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil. The death of his wife occurred in October, 1904, since which time he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Parker. He was also extensively engaged in wool buying for many years, being an expert judge of this commodity.

Politically, Mr. Gaines is a Republican and has always been very active and influential in party affairs and public matters. Though he has never been an office seeker, he has filled a number of township offices, such as a member of the township school board, which position he occupied for a number of years. He has always been alert to the best interests of the county. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, faithful in the work and support of the same, his wife having also held membership in this denomination.

GEORGE J. EWERS.

Among the substantial men whose labor and influence have given impetus to the agricultural interests of Middlebury township and to the public improvement of Knox county, is George W. Ewers, who, while laboring for his individual advancement, has never lost sight of his duties to his neighbors and the general public, and he is therefore held in the highest esteem by all classes.

Mr. Ewers was born in Brown township, this county, on April 1, 1848. He is the son of George, Sr., and Elizabeth (Johnson) Ewers, the father born in Middlebury township, Knox county, Ohio, May 27, 1812, and the mother in Vermont in 1813. The paternal grandfather was David Ewers, a native of Virginia, from which state he emigrated to Knox county, Ohio, in 1810, when this country was a wilderness and the home of the red men, who were none too friendly. He married Menassa Baldwin, member of a Quaker family. The maternal grandparents were James and Abigail Johnson, who came from Vermont and settled in Middlebury township, Knox county, Ohio, in an early day, and here entered land from the government which they cleared and improved. Of this the father of the subject owned ninety-six acres. George Ewers, Sr., was first a Whig and later a Republi-

can. He was a hardworking, homeloving man and, like his father before him, enjoyed the respect of all who knew him. His family consisted of three sons, namely: George J., of this sketch; William O. and James E., both soldiers in the Union army, died toward the close of the war, 1864, while in the service, their deaths having occurred within two days, due to typhoid fever. The mother of these children died in 1875, the father surviving until 1891.

George J. Ewers, of this sketch, grew up on the home farm, where he made himself useful as a boy during the crop seasons, attending the Caywood school house in the wintertime. Later, having had a bent toward the law, he began reading Blackstone, and attended the law department of the University of Michigan for one term, but not finding a legal career entirely to his liking he took up teaching in the schools near his home, which he followed successfully for four terms, giving much promise as an educator; but the freer life of the agriculturist finally lured him back to the soil, and he purchased ninety-six acres of the home place, of his father, and to this he later added seventy-seven and one-half acres, now owning one of the choice farms of Middlebury township, which he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation, employing modern methods of farming and stock raising, and he has met with uniform success. Everything about his place denotes thrift, prosperity and good management.

Mr. Ewers has long manifested an abiding interest in public affairs, and is an influential factor in local Republican politics. He has served as justice of the peace, as trustee and treasurer of Middlebury township, giving eminent satisfaction as an able and conscientious public servant to all concerned, irrespective of party alignment. As a justice his decisions were always characterized by fairness to all concerned, with a splendid conception of the law, and they have seldom met with reversal at the hands of a higher tribunal.

On December 18, 1877, Mr. Ewers was united in marriage with Nettie Adams, who was born in Berlin township, Knox county, Ohio, on September 13, 1854. She is the daughter of Jacob and Sabrey (Brown) Adams, a highly esteemed family here. She grew to womanhood and received her education in her native county. These parents were natives of Berlin township, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Ewers four children have been born, named as follows: Frank, who is a graduate of Berea College, Kentucky, and of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, is now a practicing physician at Akron, Ohio. The second son, James E., is a successful lawyer in Boston, Massachusetts, having graduated from Yale University and Yale Law School. Floyd was the third in order of birth, and Walter, the youngest, is deceased.

Mr. Ewers is a well educated man and an advocate of higher learning; he has given his children every opportunity in educational matters, and they are thus exceptionally well equipped for life's duties.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ewers, John and Catherine Adams, came to Knox county, Ohio, from Pennsylvania, driving overland with a team and wagon about 1812, and were thus early pioneers. Jacob Adams was born in 1821 and his death occurred on March 14, 1893; his wife, Sabrey Brown, was born on February 20, 1829, and her death occurred in 1902.

In every-day life, George J. Ewers is a man whose word is as good, if not better, than the bond of most men. Honesty and integrity are no meaningless terms with him and his records as a man and citizen are without blemish. He is a leader in this part of the county in public affairs, and because of his interest in all that makes for the good of the county, his industry and genial address, his unassuming nature and his loyalty to all that is ennobling and in harmony with the right as he sees and understands the right, have made him esteemed with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

RICHARD D. PURDY.

The subject of this review is a gentleman of high standing to whom has not been denied a full measure of success. He is one of the representative farmers of Clay township, having long been a recognized factor of importance in connection with not only the agricultural interests of this and other sections, but has also been identified with the growth and prosperity of the vicinities where he has been pleased to reside. He is a connecting link between the pioneer epoch and the present period, his family having been early residents of the Buckeye state.

Richard D. Purdy was born on November 9, 1833, on a farm in Holmes county, Ohio. He is the son of Elijah and Clarinda (Babcock) Purdy, the father born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Coshocton county, Ohio. The father came to Holmes county, Ohio, about 1818, when eighteen years of age, his parents both being deceased, and here he engaged in farm work, the country then being little developed. He devoted his life to farming and was also a minister in the old-school Baptist church. He spent the remainder of his life in Holmes county and there his death occurred on October 16, 1872, his widow surviving until in July, 1876. They were the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters. Six of them are now

living, namely: Richard D., of this review, is the oldest of the sons living; Julia Ann, the oldest of the children, resides in Carthage, Missouri, at the advanced age of ninety years, being the widow of Dr. D. B. Stickney; Ephraim lives in Vanwert county, Ohio; Mercy Jane is the widow of Emmanuel Shaffer, of Allen county, Ohio; Eliah lives in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; John C. lives in Harrison township, this county; those deceased are Lucinda, Ruth, Edward and Ozias Wilson.

Richard D. Purdy was reared on the farm and was educated in the country district schools, but his education was limited. When eighteen years of age he began learning the carpenter's trade and he worked at that for forty years in many counties in Ohio and Kansas, also Missouri and Indiana. Being a skilled workman, his services were always in great demand, and many are the substantial dwellings, barns and business houses over the country that stand today as monuments to his skill as a builder.

Mr. Purdy was married on February 8, 1854, to Rachael Purdy, who was born November 28, 1833, the daughter of Nathaniel and Clara (Nicholson) Purdy, of Holmes county, this family having originally come from Wayne county, Pennsylvania.

Seven children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Julia A. is the wife of Simon J. Dudgeon, of Gambier; Clarenda V. married Abraham Morningstar, of Gambier; Jasper N. lives in Allen county, Ohio; Emory E. lives in the state of Washington; John C. lives in Clay township, this county; Chauncey V. lives in Pleasant township, this county; Henry Valentine lives in Centerburg. There has not been a death in the family.

After his marriage Mr. Purdy settled in Allen county, Ohio, in the woods and there began clearing the land, and in time he had a good farm which he superintended, but also carried on his trade of carpenter. From there he moved to Jefferson county, Kansas, in 1864, where he became the owner of a farm and in connection with it followed his trade. The health of himself and family not being of the best in the Sunflower state, they returned to Ohio in 1866, locating in Harrison township, Knox county, where he bought a farm and also followed carpentering. In 1876 he bought his present farm in Clay township and soon thereafter moved his family to the same and here he has since resided. For a number of years after moving here he followed carpenter contracting. He became the owner of two hundred and thirty-four acres of land, but he has disposed of his land until he now has but one hundred and twenty acres. It is well improved and under a high state of cultivation, and here he carries on general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of sheep. He has a large, substantial and

attractive home and good buildings of all kinds on his place. His home is two miles north of Martinsburg.

Politically, Mr. Purdy is a Democrat and he has served as justice of the peace, also as a member of the local board of education. He has kept well informed on public questions and has ever manifested an interest in public matters. He and part of his family are members of the Baptist church and they are prominent in all circles in which they move.

LORAN E. MAHAN.

This well known citizen is another of the old soldiers who went out to fight their country's battles nearly fifty years ago. What a splendid sight it is at the present day to see a company of these old soldiers go by on Decoration day or the Fourth of July, in their faded uniforms and with their tattered flags flying. But they will soon be gone forever, and nothing will be left but a memory. That memory should be something more than a sound. Their deeds should be perpetuated in song and story, in monument and perpetual commemoration, so that the future generations may draw inspiration from their patriotism and gallantry.

One of the honored veterans of that great war is Loran E. Mahan, farmer of Miller township, Knox county, who was born on June 3, 1848, in Milford township, this county. He is the son of Edgar and Weltha (Ellis) Mahan, both natives of Geneseo county, New York, and there they grew to maturity, received their education and were married. The father learned the shoemaker's trade, and he also farmed many years. His death occurred about 1880, his widow surviving a number of years.

Loran E. Mahan was reared on the home farm, where he worked when of proper age and he received his education in the common schools, though he never attended school after he was fourteen years of age. When the Civil war came on he wanted to go to the front, but was not old enough, so he waited patiently as the war progressed and when fifteen years old he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served under General Sherman in his campaign about Atlanta and was with him on the memorable march to the sea, and until the close of the war, which found him in the Carolinas. He was wounded at the battle of Averasborough, North Carolina, in March, 1865, but continued with his regiment, never missing a day's duty while in the service, and he proved to be as faithful a

soldier as any of the veterans in his regiment. After the close of the war he returned to the home farm in Knox county, where he continued to work until his marriage, on December 31, 1872, to Almeda Harris, daughter of Emer B. and Polly Ann (Dailey) Harris, of Liberty township, an early pioneer family from Virginia.

Two daughters and one son have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Anna, who married Thomas Robblee, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Weltha married Edward Paswater, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Ralph L. lives in Malcolm, Nebraska.

After his marriage Mr. Mahan went to Champaign county, Illinois, where he remained four years, then went to Lancaster county, Nebraska, and continued to reside there until 1909, when he and his wife returned to Miller township, Knox county, Ohio. While living in Nebraska he engaged in farming and in breeding registered Jersey cattle and Essex hogs. He was an extensive breeder and became widely known as such. At the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, 1893, perhaps the greatest world's fair ever held, he made seventeen entries of his thoroughbred hogs, and he had the good fortune to carry away seventeen prizes, thirteen of which were first prizes. Nine herds were competing. He was also an exhibitor at various state fairs and was always a prize winner. He was also extensively engaged in the dairy business with Lincoln, Nebraska, as his market point, among the families he furnished being that of William J. Bryan, who was a customer for several years. Mr. Mahan was also a large land owner and engaged in general farming, but it was his fine stock that carried his name broadcast over the country. No better judge of live stock could be found than he and he has always been a great admirer of good breeds of various kinds of stock.

Since returning to Miller township, this county, Mr. Mahan bought what was known as the Miller farm, deeded to James Miller in 1814, and signed by President Madison, and it never changed title and was never mortgaged, until bought by the subject in 1909. This excellent farm contains three hundred acres of as valuable land as the county affords, well improved and under a high state of cultivation, in fact, one of the choicest farms of the county. Mr. Mahan has laid miles of tile in the fields and in every way brought the place up to the most advanced standard, and he also carries on a system of crop rotation, and is in every way a successful and scientific farmer, and he carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He has also begun fine horse breeding, thoroughbred Belgian horses, there being none finer in the state, and because of their superior quality his stock are greatly admired by all. He also breeds high grade Delaine sheep. He has

been regarded as one of the most progressive and foremost farmers and breeders in whatever community he has lived.

Politically, Mr. Mahan is a Republican and he has been a loyal party man, always interested in public affairs and in whatever tended to promote the interests of his community. While living in Nebraska he was many times urged to become a candidate for the county offices, but always declined, having never been an office seeker. Fraternally, he is a member of the Lilford Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. His fine farm lies five and one-half miles southwest of Mt. Vernon and he has a modern, attractive and pleasant home, surrounded by large, convenient barns, stock sheds and various outbuildings; he has replaced all the deficient structures on the farm with substantial ones, and everything about the place denotes thrift, good management and prosperity.

Personally, Mr. Mahan is an obliging, unassuming, public-spirited gentleman whose integrity is unquestioned.

JAMES COLGIN.

It is no doubt true that Ireland, of all countries of the world, has sent more emigrants in proportion to population to the United States than any other country, and the reason is well known. For hundreds of years the Emerald Isle has been denied many valuable rights and privileges by Great Britain, and the pride and honor of the people were ground into the dust. They could avoid all this only by leaving the island, much as they loved it, and accordingly thousands of them, as the years rolled round, have crossed the wide Atlantic to find a home of greater freedom in America. They began to come in large numbers after the Revolution and have continued to come until the present time. In every state they have settled and built up comfortable homes. They were among our first teachers and business men, and today they occupy many of the proudest positions within the gift of the inhabitants.

In the northern part of Erin was born the late James Colgin, long a thrifty farmer of Butler township, Knox county, and an honored veteran of the Union army. When eleven years of age, he emigrated with his parents, Frank and Mary Ann Colgin, to the United States, soon afterwards locating in Knox county, Ohio, and here they farmed on rented land until their deaths, a few years after establishing their home in the new country. These parents had eight children, who grew to maturity, and three of them are still living.

James Colgin was educated in the common schools of Knox county and here grew to manhood. He worked on the farm when a boy, by the month, later renting land, and finally, having gotten a start through his industry, he purchased a farm north of here. Later selling that, he bought a farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres in Butler township on which he placed many valuable improvements and made a comfortable living as a general farmer and stock raiser, establishing a good home and here he remained until his death, on May 4, 1904.

Mr. Colgin proved his loyalty to his adopted country during our great civil strife in the early sixties by enlisting in 1864 in an Ohio regiment and he served faithfully in the Federal army for nine months. Politically, he was a Republican, and in his fraternal relations was a member of the Masonic order. He also belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Colgin was married on February 11, 1866, to Mary M. Morningstar, who was born November 19, 1842, in Knox county, the daughter of William and Susan Morningstar, a highly esteemed old family of this county, who came here in pioneer days from Pennsylvania. The mother was a member of the Horn family, also prominent in the early life of the locality. Here Mrs. Colgin was reared and educated. Since the death of her husband she and her sons have operated the place, carrying on the work inaugurated by Mr. Colgin in a most praiseworthy manner.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Colgin, named as follows: William Sherman, Elizabeth Ann, Bertha E., Frank; Arthur, who superintends the farm; Benton teaches school and assists on the home farm in summer; Garfield was the youngest child. The father was a man whom everybody respected, for he had few personal faults and was neighborly, kind and generous.

TORRENCE MITCHELL.

A representative of one of the old and honored families of Knox county, which since pioneer days has been prominently connected with the development and substantial progress of this section of the state, Torrence Mitchell, farmer of Milford township, has worthily sustained the good reputation of the family through his active and useful life and prominence in connection with the agricultural industries of this favored section of the Buckeye state. There is utmost compatibility in here entering a brief review of his career, and aside from being a valuable and perpetual record, the article will be read with interest by the many friends of himself and family.

Mr. Mitchell was born on the farm he now owns in Milford township, this county, on April 22, 1851. He is the son of Almon and Margaret (Hawkins) Mitchell. The paternal grandparents, Sylvanus Mitchell and wife, were natives of Connecticut, where they spent their early lives, emigrating in an early day to Licking county, Ohio, and in 1824 they moved to Knox county when neighbors were few and a wild stretch of woods covered the earth. Here they established their home and spent the balance of their lives. The maternal grandparents, Harrison and Phebe (Lovell) Hawkins, were natives of Rhode Island, locating in Milford township with a colony from that state. Here Mr. Hawkins entered a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he cleared, developed and on which he and his wife spent the balance of their lives.

The father of the subject was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1816 and the mother was born in Knox county in 1818. When eight years old the former came to Knox county and here grew to manhood and married and devoted his life to general farming and stock raising, being very successful and owning four hundred acres of good land at the time of his death. Politically, he was a Republican and was more or less active in party affairs. His family consisted of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity and were married. Of the number, five sons and two daughters are still living. The mother was a member of the Church of Christ. The death of Almon Mitchell occurred on April 4, 1896, and his widow survived until in March, 1901.

Torrence Mitchell grew up on the home farm and assisted with the general routine of work there in his boyhood. He was educated in the public schools and in the Galena Academy. He began life for himself by teaching school, which vocation he followed for a period of ten years with much success, but he finally tired of the school room and took up farming. He remained on his father's farm awhile and then went to Tennessee, where he remained three years, then, his father urging him to take charge of the home farm, he returned here and has since operated the same in a most gratifying manner, keeping it well tilled and well improved. This place of one hundred and forty-two acres ranks with the best in Milford township. Mr. Mitchell also has a farm of one hundred acres in Tennessee. In connection with general farming he carries on stock raising, handling some good grades; however, he merely oversees the place, leaving the active work of the same to his son since April 1, 1910.

Politically, Mr. Mitchell is a Republican and he has held various township offices. He is a member of the Grange, the only secret order to which he

belongs, and he and his wife belong to the Church of Christ, he having been an elder for twenty years.

Mr. Mitchell was married on October 27, 1875, to Clara Stevens, a native of Knox county, and the daughter of John and Emmeline Stevens, old settlers here. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, namely: L. Grace, who was graduated from the Centerburg high school and Hiram College, has been engaged in social settlement work in Cleveland for the past eight years; Laura L. died when eighteen years of age; Margaret S., also a graduate of Centerburg high school and Hiram College, is also engaged in social settlement work in Cleveland; John S. was graduated from the Mt. Vernon high school, also took the short course in agriculture at the Ohio State University, and is now operating the home farm and has been very successful in carrying out the work inaugurated by his father.

JOHN A. HICKINBOTHAM.

Among the substantial farmers and stock men of Morgan township, Knox county, who deserve to rank high in the list of twentieth-century tillers of the soil in this nature-favored locality is John A. Hickinbotham, a man who has worked hard for that which he now possesses, and knows how to appreciate the true dignity of labor and to place a correct estimate upon the value of money; nevertheless, he is liberal in his benefactions and stands ever ready to support with his influence and means all measures for the material and moral welfare of his community, consequently he is well deserving a place in her history.

Mr. Hickinbotham was born on June 26, 1850, on a farm in Monroe county, Ohio. He is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hindley) Hickinbotham; both parents were of German descent, but they were both born in Staffordshire, England, and there they grew up and were married. They emigrated to America early in 1850 and settled in Monroe county, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

The subject was reared on the home farm and educated in the public schools of Monroe county; however, he is a self-educated man, having attended the schools in his community only twenty months. He has always been a deep student and kept well abreast of the times. He taught school successfully for a period of twenty years, his last certificate being dated December 28, 1889, good for five years and covered fourteen different branches,

in which he was graded as perfect in every one. He took high rank among the successful teachers of his day and his services were in great demand. For some time he was principal of the Graysville schools of Monroe county. In the fall of 1889 he closed his teaching career by conducting a teachers' normal for several months; he then entered the mercantile business at Graysville, Monroe county, and during all these years he was conducting a farm which he owned. He maintained his store at Graysville for a year and a half, then turned his attention exclusively to farming and also cared for the home place of his father after his mother's death. On his farm oil was developed which proved very profitable and in 1902 he left his farm in Monroe county, which he afterwards sold, retaining his oil interests and he came to Morgan township, Knox county, two miles northwest of Morgan Center, and here he has since resided, his place consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, which he brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation, and on which stands a modern and attractive home and large, convenient outbuildings. He keeps an excellent grade of live stock of all kinds.

Mr. Hickinbotham was first married on October 24, 1872, to Phebe A. Keyser, daughter of Jesse J. and Lucinda (Riley) Keyser, of Monroe county, Ohio, the family being from Belmont county. One son and one daughter were born to this union, John J., of Muskingum county, and Elizabeth J., deceased. The wife and mother passed to her rest on August 23, 1879, and on April 5, 1880, Mr. Hickinbotham was united in marriage with Margaret Daugherty, daughter of Simon and Mary E. (Hilliard) Daugherty, of Monroe county, where Mr. Daugherty was born. Mrs. Daugherty was born in Pennsylvania. They are now both deceased. Four children were born of the second union of the subject, namely: Mary E., who married John S. Vance, of Miller township; Thomas S., of Utica, Licking county, Ohio; Everetta L. married A. B. Devore, of Morgan township, and Harrison H., who lives on the home farm.

Politically, Mr. Hickinbotham is a Republican and in his younger days was active in public affairs. He was chairman of the first Republican central committee in Monroe county at a time when that party was very much in the minority in Monroe county and for many years he was active in the party organization. He served as a member of the board of education at Graysville, and since coming to Knox county he has been trustee of Morgan township.

Fraternally, Mr. Hickinbotham is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the encampment of that order, also the Masonic order at Utica, Licking Lodge and chapter, council and commandery of that order

at Mt. Vernon, and he is a thirty-second-degree member of the Columbus Consistory, and a member of Aladdin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Columbus. He is also a member of Morgan Grange No. 828, Patrons of Husbandry. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ. Personally, he is a man of broad intelligence, progressive in all that the term implies, a man of affairs, public-spirited, obliging and of genial address, being prominent in the life of the community.

JAMES LEROY SCOTT.

One of the successful farmers and stock raisers of Milford township, Knox county, is James Leroy Scott, who has succeeded at his chosen line of endeavor because he has persistently applied himself and has been thwarted by obstacles, but, having removed them one by one from his pathway, he has ascended to a high rung of success on the ladder on which he started at the bottom and he is therefore deserving of the esteem in which he is held by his neighbors and many friends.

Mr. Scott was born in this township on June 29, 1850, and he has been content to spend his life in his home community. He is the son of James and Sarah (Horn) Scott. His parental grandparents, Chinsworth and Jane (Fitch) Scott, were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania, from which they came to Knox county, Ohio, about 1840 and settled on land which later became a part of Morrow county, and there became very well established on their farm, which the elder Scott cleared and on which he raised his family, and there he and his wife spent the balance of their lives. The maternal grandparents, Jacob and Priscilla Horn, were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where they grew up, were married and spent their lives.

James Scott, father of the subject, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1818 and the mother's birth occurred in Washington county, that state, in 1820, and they grew up and were married in their native state, coming to Ohio about 1842 or 1843, Mr. Scott having followed his parents here, and he located in Milford township, Knox county, and there he became owner of considerable land and was one of the substantial farmers of the township. Later, however, reverses which he could not control caused him to lose his property. He lived a quiet, retired life. He and his wife belonged to the Disciples church. His death occurred in March, 1899, and his wife died in May, 1879. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are liv-

ing at this writing, James Leroy, of this review; Corbin, and Priscilla Fadely.

James L. Scott grew up on the home farm and there assisted with the general work when a boy, later working by the day and farming on the shares. He received such education as he could in the rural schools. In 1878 he purchased a farm of seventy-six acres in Milford township, and here he now owns seventy-nine acres. This he has placed under excellent improvements and cultivation and he has a very comfortable home, and always keeps a good grade of live stock in his fields.

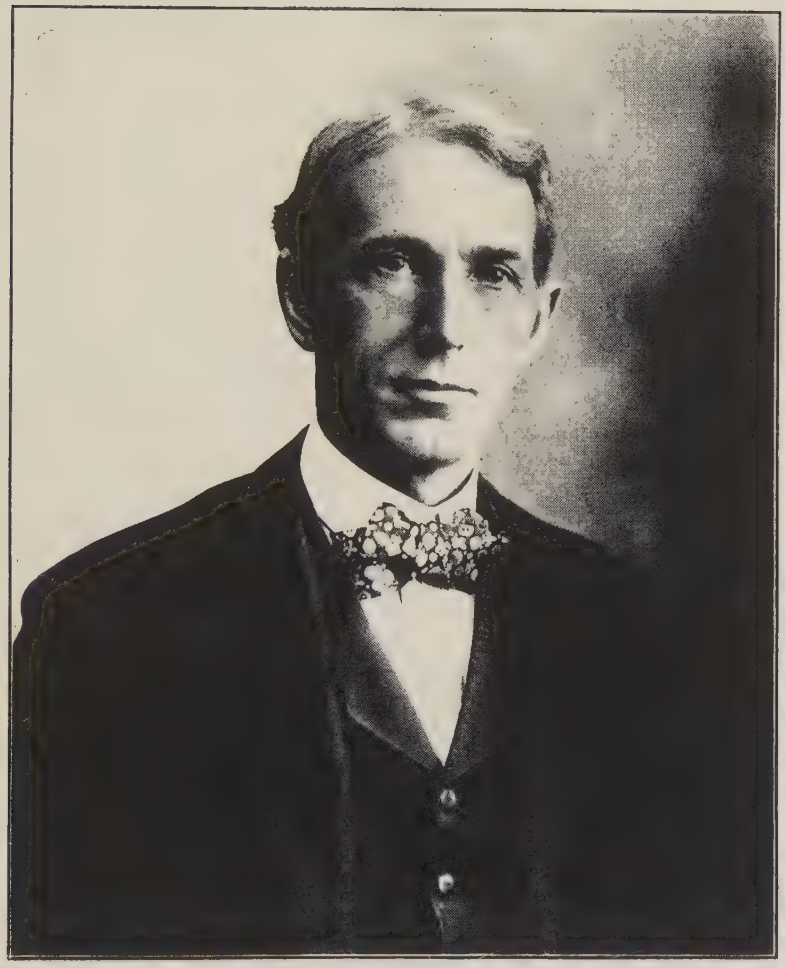
Politically, Mr. Scott is a Democrat, but he has not been especially active in public affairs. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

Mr. Scott was married on December 24, 1873, to Mary L. Pickering, who was born, reared and educated in Milford township, this county. She is the daughter of Lot and Sarah Pickering, old settlers here, the father having come from Pennsylvania and the mother from Guernsey county, this state. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott, namely: Eldora, who married Perley Wright, and Bessie Corinne Scott, who resides at home.

CHARLES F. COLVILLE.

The names of those men who have distinguished themselves through the possession of those qualities which daily contribute to the success of private life and to the public stability and who have enjoyed the confidence and respect of those about them, should not be permitted to perish. Such a one is the well-known gentleman whose name initiates this biographical review. He is a well-rounded character, in which the different interests of life are given their due proportion of attention. For years he has been a conspicuous figure in the affairs of Knox county and is widely known as one of her most representative citizens.

Charles F. Colville, of Mt. Vernon, was born November 18, 1858, in Pleasant township, this county, and he is the son of Thomas and Sarah (Patrick) Colville and the grandson of James and Sarah (Jackson) Colville. James Colville was born near Winchester, Virginia, in 1767. When a young man he emigrated to Washington county, Pennsylvania, and remained there until 1803, then came to Knox county, Ohio, and located a short distance east of Mt. Vernon when this country was a vast forest and wild game and



CHARLES F. COLVILLE

Indians were frequently encountered. Here the old pioneer built a cabin, made a clearing and eventually became extensively engaged in farming. He assisted in the survey of the military land in Knox county and was prominent in the early affairs of this locality. In the fall of 1806 he returned to Pennsylvania, and on November 27th of that year he was married to Mary Jackson, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on October 3, 1781, the daughter of James and Nancy Jackson. Soon afterwards he returned with his bride to his Knox county farm. He became prominent in county politics and was elected associate judge here in 1808. He was a man of sterling qualities and did his full share in inaugurating the physical, civic and moral development of this section of the state. His death occurred on February 7, 1837. He was the first settler in Pleasant township, and the first school in that township was taught in a log cabin on his farm in 1825, the teacher being William Marquis. So for more than a century that section of Knox county has been the home of this excellent family. Both Thomas Colville and his son, Charles F., of this review, were born and reared here.

Charles F. Colville grew to manhood on the home farm east of Mt. Vernon, attended the district schools during the months that he was not engaged in work on the farm, and later he took a course in Kenyon College, from which he was graduated in 1880. He then studied law with H. H. Greer, of Mt. Vernon, and was admitted to the bar in 1886 and the following year he began practicing his profession in Mt. Vernon and followed the same with ever increasing success and popularity until 1900, ranking with the leaders of the Knox county bar. But large business affairs began to claim much of his time and attention and he gave up active practice to devote himself to industrial affairs. In 1898 he organized the Knox Building & Loan Company, and in 1900 he helped organize the Park-Colville & Herrick Company, since moved to Metropolis, Illinois, and known as the Metropolis Bending Company, manufacturers of carriage woodwork, which has experienced a rapid rise in the manufacturing world, its products, owing to their superior qualities, finding a ready market over a vast territory. Mr. Colville is still secretary and treasurer of the company. He is also secretary of the Knox Building and Loan Company, and the pronounced success of both have been due in no small measure to his wise counsel and judicious management. He is also a director in the Knox National Bank.

Having long manifested an abiding interest in local public matters, Mr. Colville has exerted a potent influence on the civic life of Knox county, ever loyal to the tenets of the Republican party. He was mayor of Mt. Vernon

from 1894 to 1896, and he gave the city one of the best administrations it has ever had. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic blue lodge.

In 1887 Mr. Colville was married to Dora Galbreath, of Newark, Ohio, the daughter of John G. and Mary (Gibson) Galbreath, the father having formerly been a well known merchant of Newark. He came to Ohio from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and his wife from the adjoining county in West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Colville belong to the Congregational church, in which he is a trustee.

PERRY L. COVER.

Perry L. Cover, one of the progressive and well-known farmers and stock raisers of the vicinity of Fredericktown, Knox county, is a man who believes in doing well whatever he deems worth doing at all, hence his success in material things, and he is an advocate of clean politics and wholesome private and social living and as a result of his well-ordered life he is held in high esteem by all with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Cover was born on November 16, 1866, in Johnsville, Morrow county, Ohio. He is the son of Upton A. and Susan Cover, the father born in Maryland, from which state he came to Richland county, Ohio, when a child with his parents. The mother of the subject, whose maiden name was Lamb, was born in Richland county, this state, and there spent her girlhood. When the father was a young man he launched out in mercantile business with his brother, J. J. Cover, which they followed with continuous success for a period of twenty-seven years, maintaining a large establishment and enjoying an extensive trade all the while at Johnsville, Ohio, where the subject was born. They kept a general store where the villagers and country people could supply their every need and in return they bought everything the farmers had to sell, from their live stock and grain down to their butter, eggs and poultry. They were the first dealers in this part of the country to pack eggs in salt brine pickle, which was in vogue for years, until supplanted by cold storage. He was a very successful business man, his keen discernment and sound judgment never failing him and his courtesy and honesty in dealing with his many customers won their good will and friendship. He was one of seven brothers, all of whom but himself were Republicans in their political faith, he standing alone as a Democrat. He continued in the mercantile business in Johnsville until 1882, when he closed out his busi-

ness and purchased a splendid farm a half mile southwest of Fredericktown, where he engaged in farming successfully until his death, in April, 1905, his wife having preceded him to the grave in August, 1896. They were the parents of two daughters and one son, namely: Emma E. and Mattie E., both deceased; and Perry L., of this sketch.

Perry L. Cover was educated in the schools of Johnsville and Fredericktown, Ohio. He worked on his father's farm in his youth, and after the death of the father he took the management of the same and here he has remained. This excellent farm, one of the best in Knox county, consists of one hundred and forty-three acres, which has been brought to a high state of improvement and cultivation and on which the subject has met with continued success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has kept the buildings and fences all up to the standard and has so rotated his crops as to maintain the original fertility of the soil.

Mr. Cover has never married. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order at Fredericktown, and the chapter and commandery at Mt. Vernon. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never been an office seeker nor an office holder, although he was land appraiser for Wayne township in 1910.

In addition to his splendid farm in Wayne township, he has other valuable property in Colorado, some farming interests there. He has long manifested much interest in public improvements and is an advocate of good roads, in fact, everything that tends to advance the best interests of the masses. He is a man of exemplary habits.

JOHN R. CESSNA.

Faithfulness to duty and a strict adherence to a fixed purpose, which always do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances, have been dominating factors in the life of John R. Cessna, well known resident of the vicinity of Bladensburg, Jackson township, Knox county, where he has spent much of his long and useful life engaged in agricultural pursuits and his career has been replete with honor and success.

Mr. Cessna was born in Pike township, Coshocton county, Ohio, June 9, 1844. He is the son of William and Elizabeth (Rine) Cessna. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary (McVicker) Cessna, were natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and they settled in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1822, developing a farm in Pike township when that part of the Buckeye

state was a wilderness, and they became influential among the pioneers. They were the parents of fourteen children, all of whom were born in Pennsylvania and thirteen of whom grew to maturity. The death of the grandfather occurred in 1833, after which his wife and one son moved to Green county, Wisconsin, though this was not until 1845, and there she died. The family originally came from France, John Cessna having emigrated to America in 1718 and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, later moving to York county, that state, where his death occurred in 1751. Most of his descendants lived in Pennsylvania, a large number in Bedford county, for one hundred and fifty years. He was a Huguenot and fled from his native land during the great religious strife of that period. Some of his descendants have become noted leaders in their various communities, two of them having been colonels in the Revolutionary war, others judges and still others congressmen. The first Cessna spent three years in Ireland, where he was an officer, then came to the United States. He became an extensive land owner and a prominent citizen. This family have always been loyal to American institutions and a goodly number of them fought in our war for independence. The maternal grandparents, John and Matilda (Rine) Cessna, were cousins, and were natives of Maryland, later coming to Ohio, being very early settlers in Coshocton county, entering land in Perry township, and there they spent their last days. They were of German descent. They reared their family in Coshocton county and there the father and mother of the subject were married in 1842. The father was a stock dealer and farmer. In 1854 he moved to Licking county and there his wife died in 1858. They were the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter. Only two sons are living, John R., of this review, and Rudolph, who lives in Oklahoma. William Cessna again married, his second wife being Margaret M. Rine, a sister of his first wife, this wedding occurring in 1861. The death of Mr. Cessna occurred on October 6, 1865. Politically, he was a Democrat and he took an active part in politics. He was a township trustee and a justice of the peace, having been incumbent of the latter at the time of his death. He was a man of influence in his community and was highly regarded by all who knew him.

John R. Cessna was educated in the common schools of Coshocton and Licking counties, and he began life as a dealer in live stock. For years he has followed dealing in horses on an extensive scale and he is widely known in this connection, being one of the best judges of the horse that could be found in this part of the state. Since 1889 he has very capably and acceptably discharged the duties of justice of the peace. His decisions have been characterized by fairness to all concerned and have seldom met with reversal at the

hands of a higher tribunal. In March, 1875, he settled in Pleasant township, Knox county, on a rented farm and there spent a few years. He has been very successful in a business way.

Politically, Mr. Cessna is a Democrat, and fraternally he belongs to the Maccabees, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

Mr. Cessna was married on February 17, 1874, to Sarah J. Norris, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and the daughter of William and Nancy Norris, old settlers there and a highly respected family, having located in that community in about 1820 or 1822. This union has been without issue.

CHARLES RICHARD TULLOSS.

The struggles of the worthy pioneer will remain untold unless some one interests himself in preserving it; this last should be the mission of we of the aftermath. We do not hear the howl of the wolf save in remote places; we will not have an opportunity to again see the "prairie schooner"—its mission has been well and nobly filled. The many great changes have taken place slowly, and we realize their importance at this time. Do we fully appreciate the Titanic struggle of the pioneer, realizing the many privations he endured that we of today might be blessed? The mission of biography should be to bring to the living the voices of the silent ones who would be remembered. We seek no bombast for the living, but we do speak in a forceful manner for those who made it possible for us to enjoy these many present blessings. Charles Richard Tulloss, one of the farmers of Morgan township, Knox county, is a descendant of our sterling pioneers and he has endeavored to uphold the honor of the family name, which has been a familiar sound in this section of the Buckeye state for more than a century, his progenitor having braved the wilderness here when it was still the domain of the painted savage and the wild creatures of claw, fin and feather, and here inaugurated the development of the locality which his descendants have carried forward.

Mr. Tulloss was born on September 9, 1853, on the old Tulloss homestead where he has always lived. He is the son of William and Cynthia (Smith) Tulloss. Grandfather John J. Tulloss, born September 6, 1783, came from Fauquier county, Virginia, in 1807 and settled in Licking county, Ohio, near Newark. He made the first brick in the village, was school teacher and farmer; was a captain in the war of 1812; returned to Virginia and married Elizabeth Kaney; came back, settled in Morgan township, Knox county,

in 1815; died in 1841; his wife died in 1869. He here became a large land owner, possessing at one time six hundred and forty acres of fine land, lying in the Licking and Sycamore valleys, two miles northwest of where the city of Utica now stands. He was prominent among the pioneers of this section of the state and an influential man of affairs, strong-minded, courageous and honorable. His family consisted of eight children, namely: Ann, wife of Benjamin Seymour, both deceased; Elizabeth married Charles Uzziel Stephens, both now deceased; William, father of the subject of this sketch; Richard Shute, a sincere man and influential citizen who is now deceased, is mentioned in a later paragraph: John J. married Caroline Smith and is now deceased; Benjamin, who married Margaret Campbell, is a Baptist minister of Mt. Vernon; Susan remained single; Rodham married Elizabeth Harris.

William Tulloss, mentioned above, devoted his life to farming and stock raising and, like his father before him, became one of the substantial and influential men of his community. He was twice married. In 1856 he moved to Kansas, where he became a leader in public affairs and he served very creditably as probate judge of Franklin county, that state, for a number of years. His death occurred there in November, 1866, his wife having died in 1863. They were the parents of five children, namely: John S., deceased; James K. is deceased; Levi is deceased; William S. lives in Franklin county, Kansas; Charles Richard, of this review.

William Tulloss, the father, was a Republican and was always active in public matters. He held various offices in his township. He was a member of the Baptist church. His second wife was Felicia Scott, daughter of Rev. James Scott and wife, he being a prominent Presbyterian minister for many years. To this union was born a son, Benjamin F.

Charles R. Tulloss, of this sketch, went to Kansas with his parents. He was educated in the district schools of Morgan township, Knox county, Ohio, and in Franklin county, Kansas. Upon the death of his father he returned to Knox county and engaged in farming, which he has continued to the present time. He is a stock feeder. He is the owner of the old Tulloss homestead which he has kept, his part of the old farm consisting of three hundred acres. He employs modern methods in his farming and stock raising. He has an attractive and commodious dwelling, and a library of choice and carefully selected volumes and here he spends much of his spare time, keeping in touch with the world's best literature as well as current topics of the day. He delights especially in Darwin, Spencer, Mills, Schopenhauer, Voltaire and similar works, in fact, he has practically all the "evolution series," as well as those of Tolstoy, Henry George, the great single-tax advocate. But

his library embraces all subjects. He is very interesting to converse with, being thus self-educated, for, in the language of Franklin, "Reading maketh a wise man." Mr. Tulloss is a man of individuality, fearless in his opinions and a thinker. While he is interested in public matters, he has never voted. He is liberal in his religious views, and has never joined any church, believing not in man-made creeds or set forms of worship.

Richard Sheets Tulloss was born June 13, 1819. He was reared on the farm and after his father's death took charge of the farm. He was elected to the constitutional convention of Ohio in 1873 and served on the committee of privileges and election, on preamble and bill of rights and on agriculture. He filled a number of township offices. He was an influential citizen and highly esteemed for his social quality and straightforward business transactions. He remained single and died August 24, 1892. He was a son of John James and Elizabeth Tulloss, who are referred to in preceding paragraphs.

JOHN F. SHRONTZ, M. D.

Not only in Martinsburg, but throughout the surrounding country for a radius of many miles, Dr. John F. Shrontz is known as a successful and skilled physician, one who has given years of thought and painstaking preparation to his profession and who is thoroughly qualified for its practice. Nature endowed him with the qualities necessary for success as a general practitioner, for he is sympathetic, patient and thoughtful, and in the hour of extremity is cool and courageous. Though his extensive practice has always engrossed most of his attention, he has found time to keep posted upon the practical details in the improvement in the science and avails himself of every development in remedial agencies. For a period of about thirty-five years he has ministered to the sick and suffering here and has always maintained an irreproachable character worthy of respect and emulation.

Doctor Shrontz was born on August 10, 1849, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Jacob and Nancy (Cooper) Shrontz, who came to Knox county in 1864 and settled on a farm in Morgan township and there engaged in farming. Jacob Shrontz became one of the leading men of his community, prosperous and active in Republican politics, filling a number of the local offices, such as justice of the peace of Morgan township, also as a member of the board of education. He was a member of the Disciples church. His death occurred in April, 1900, his wife having preceded him

to the grave in October, 1895. Both are buried in Hill cemetery, near Bell church. They became the parents of five children, namely: Christie A. is deceased; John F., of this sketch; Emma J. married W. P. Harrison, of Cincinnati; Nancy died in infancy; W. B. lives in Martinsburg.

John F. Shrontz was reared on the home farm and there assisted in the general work, attending the country district schools in the winter months, later attending the old Martinsburg Academy and a business college at Mt. Vernon, and before coming to Knox county he was a pupil in the Pleasant Valley Academy in Washington county, Pennsylvania. He began his career by teaching for two years in the schools of Knox county, then entered the Cincinnati Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877. Thus well equipped for his chosen vocation he came to Martinsburg, Ohio, and opened an office and here he has since remained, with the exception of the years 1894 and 1895, when he practiced in Newark, Ohio, but returned to Martinsburg. He has always enjoyed a very liberal patronage and has met with uniform success. He is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society and the National Medical Association.

Doctor Shrontz was married on July 13, 1876, to Nellie Leeding, daughter of Robert and Amanda (Harris) Leeding, an excellent Licking county family, her father having served as county commissioner and as a member of the state board of equalization for several years.

Three children have been born to the Doctor and wife, namely: Bessie M., now the wife of Gaylord Vance, of Columbus; Lena B., who married Homer C. Dodd, of Dayton, and William E., who married Pearl J. Rouse, daughter of William L. and Ida (Mercer) Rouse, the father a physician of Greene county, Ohio, for many years, but is now deceased. William E. Shrontz was educated in the Martinsburg schools and also spent two years in Hiram College, and four years at the Physio-Medical College of Indiana, at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906 and is now successfully engaged in the practice with his father, being regarded as a young man of much promise in the medical profession.

Dr. John F. Shrontz was retained at the Cincinnati Medical College for several years after his graduation in various departments, and there he gave eminent satisfaction as a lecturer, being both an instructor and entertainer and thus popular with both the students and his fellow instructors. In addition to his profession, he has been successfully interested in various business enterprises, especially in promoting an electric line for Martinsburg, the Ohio, Lake Erie & Eastern, having Martinsburg as an objective point. He is a public-spirited citizen and always alert to the best interests of his community.

He has large farming interests and gives considerable attention to his valuable real estate holdings.

Fraternally, the Doctor is a member of the Masonic order, Ohio Lodge, No. 199, at Bladensburg. He is a Republican and has long been active in party affairs. For a number of years he served as a member of the Republican county central committee, and is now succeeded by his son. He has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He has served as a member of the village council for many years, and he was active in securing telephone service for Martinsburg, and also many village improvements, such as sidewalks and street lights. He believes in progress, in keeping up with modern twentieth-century methods, not only in his profession, but in all lines. He and his family are members of the Disciples church and he is active in church and Sunday school work.

The Shrontz residence in Martinsburg is one of the most attractive and substantial in this part of the county and it is known to the many friends of the family as a place of old-time hospitality and good cheer, the family having always been prominent in the social life of the community.

WILL H. JACKSON.

One of the successful farmers of Milford township, Knox county, and one of the worthy native sons of the locality of which this history treats, is Will H. Jackson, a representative of a highly-respected family which has been known here for many decades.

Mr. Jackson was born in the west side of Milford township, this county, on October 24, 1861. He is the son of Van Buren and Orlena (Jackson) Jackson. The paternal grandparents were George and Mary (Hobbs) Jackson, he a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, born in 1782, died June 6, 1848, and she born at Aliquot Mills, nine miles from Baltimore, March 17, 1793, and died August 5, 1877. They were married in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and in 1835 came to Knox county, Ohio, and located in Milford township, where he bought a farm and here they spent the rest of their lives, having become very well established. The elder Jackson was the father of nineteen children, fourteen by his first wife and five by his second.

The maternal grandparents, Ephraim and Nancy Ellen (Cook) Jackson, natives of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, he of Uniontown, and she of Big Red Stone, Tippecanoe township. Ephraim Jackson came to Ohio about 1820 with his father, Abraham, who entered land here in 1825. Abra-

ham Jackson was the son of an Irish nobleman and he emigrated to America during the Revolutionary war. A year after coming here Ephraim Jackson returned to Pennsylvania and there married. He returned to Ohio with his bride, making the trip on horseback, and built a cabin on his farm, the building, at first, having neither window nor door, and there he and his wife spent the balance of their lives. He was born February 16, 1805, and she on June 5th of the same year; his death occurred on November 22, 1872, and she on January 17, 1870.

The father, Van Buren Jackson, was born in this township, March 17, 1836, and the mother on the farm occupied by the subject on October 25, 1833, and here these parents grew up as pioneer children, he being the eighteenth child of his father and the fourth of his mother, and she the fifth child of her parents. Here they were married on October 28, 1858. Van Buren Jackson devoted his life to farming, operating the home place most successfully. He bought the interests of his wife's brothers and sisters and at one time owned two hundred and eighteen acres, but most of the place has been sold and divided. He lived a quiet and retired life, but took an interest in public affairs and led an exemplary life. He and his wife were members of the Disciples church. He is still living and has the respect of all who know him. The death of his wife occurred on October 13, 1898. They were the parents of three children, namely: Will H., of this sketch; Theo. A., and Lillian B., now the wife of W. C. Riley. The father was stricken with paralysis on March 3, 1911, and has been very poorly ever since.

Will H. Jackson grew up on the home farm and worked there during his boyhood days in the summer months. He received his education in the common schools and the Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana. He has been managing the home farm for some time and is very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. Politically, he is a Democrat, and in his religious life belongs to the Disciples church.

JOSEPH BEAL.

One of our most enterprising young farmers is Joseph Beal, of Butler township, one of the worthy native sons of Knox county who has been content to spend his life in his own community, well knowing that for him this is the best place of all. It is a question whether or not many young men who have left this nature-favored locality bettered their chances for success, with the doubt on the negative side. But notwithstanding the fact that he grew

up under favorable environments, he knew that he had to work and work diligently to win in life's battle even here, for we do not get our food in this country like the South Sea Islanders or the dwellers in the tropics, by merely partaking of nature's bounty with no exertion on our part, in case we are not inclined to put forth an effort to gain a living; so he has always worked hard and now finds himself very comfortably established, with bright hopes for the future.

Mr. Beal was born in this county on July 1, 1860. He is the son of Michael and Margaret (Albright) Beal, a complete sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. He was one of a large family of children, and, his father being a farmer, there was plenty for the subject to do while growing to manhood, consequently he worked in the fields during the crop seasons and went to the district schools in the winter time, and took up farming for a livelihood in early life, and for some time worked at home for his father, then rented a while. In 1884 he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Butler township, this county, and in 1889 added forty-seven acres to this. In 1896 he deeded this land away and in 1900 bought forty acres in Union township, and in 1910 forty acres more. He still lives on the farm of Mary M. Beal and carries on farming and stock raising.

Politically, Mr. Beal is a Republican, and fraternally, he belongs to the Patrons of Industry, while religiously he is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Beal was married on August 23, 1891, to Nettie F. Leatherman, daughter of Joseph L. Leatherman, who came to Licking county, Ohio, in 1860. His death occurred on January 3, 1889. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beal, namely: Russell B., who died when two years old, and Dale; four others died in infancy.

JOHN M. MOTZ.

Aside from his connections with the civic affairs of Knox county, John M. Motz, farmer and stock man of Brown township, has long been an influential factor in the industrial interests of his community, his entire life having been spent here, everything calculated to advance the community, materially or otherwise, receiving his support and hearty co-operation. He is unswerving in his allegiance to what he believes to be right, and upholds his honest convictions at the sacrifice, if need be, of every other interest. Conscientious in the discharge of his duties of citizenship, he is a valued mem-

ber of the body politic, and his aim has ever been to shape his life according to the highest standards of excellence, therefore he has won the esteem and good will of all who know him.

Mr. Motz was born on March 27, 1858, on a farm in Brown township, this county, near Jelloway. He is the son of Gottlieb and Catherine (Williams) Motz, both natives of Germany, where they spent their childhood, and from that country they emigrated to America as young people, he at the age of eighteen and she when seven years old. The father made the trip alone, but the mother's parents came with her. All formerly lived in the province of Alsace. Gottlieb Motz was a cabinet-maker, and soon after he landed in this country he established himself at Wooster, Ohio, working at his trade for some time, then moved to Holmes county, later turning his attention to farming and while living in Holmes county he and Catherine Williams were married. She had also come from Alsace, Germany. After their marriage they lived in Holmes county for a number of years, then came to Brown township, Knox county, buying a farm near Jelloway, which they developed, establishing there a comfortable home, Mr. Motz continuing to work some as a cabinet-maker. It was about 1850 that they settled in Knox county. They were a sturdy, industrious, frugal German couple, and, being fortunately located, succeeded, acquiring considerable property and a competence, owning an excellent farm of two hundred acres and other property. Politically, the father was a Democrat, but he did not take much interest in public affairs, merely exercising the right of suffrage at the polls. He and his family were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. The death of Gottlieb Motz occurred in October, 1900, his wife having died previously in June, 1892, the month following the celebration of her fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Elizabeth, who is now deceased, married John Artz; Mary, also deceased, married Michael Pichrert; Adam lives in Akron, Ohio; Catherine, who married George Richert; John M., of this sketch; Henry W. lives in Brown township; Sarah is the wife of Daniel Richart.

John M. Motz was reared on the farm and worked in the fields when but a boy, attending the district schools in Brown township in the winter-time. He remained with his parents until his marriage, on October 16, 1883, to Emma H. Buehl, daughter of Peter and Mary Ann (Simmons) Buehl, a prominent family of Wayne county, Ohio. To the subject and wife eleven children have been born, six daughters and five sons, namely: Oscar G. is married and lives in Akron; Ethel M. married Frank Heimbaugh, of Akron; Edna M. married C. C. Long, of Brown township; Gladys

A. married C. C. Pealer, of Pike township, Knox county; Luella C., Martha A., Herman J., Reynold B., Caleb P., Helen G. and Cecil F. are all at home.

Following his marriage, John M. Motz engaged in the mercantile business at Jelloway for four years, enjoying a good trade with the surrounding country. He then came to the farm where he still resides, five miles south of Jelloway, and here he has met with encouraging success as a general farmer and stock raiser, his well improved and well tilled farm consisting of one hundred and thirty-five acres. He has a comfortable home and good barn and other outbuildings.

Politically, Mr. Motz is a Democrat and has always been active in public matters. He has served as clerk of Brown township for a period of eight years, and for nine years he was a member of the school board of Amity Special, he being still a member of the same, and is clerk of the board. In the fall of 1905 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners and served on the same for a period of five years. As a public official he has served the people with much ability and fidelity, discharging his every duty conscientiously and his record has been highly commendable to the masses. He is a member of Amity Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and has long been active in the same. He and his family belong to the Evangelical Lutheran church and have always been active in church and Sunday school work. This family is prominent in the social life of the county.

MICHAEL BEAL.

One of the well-remembered pioneer residents of Knox county, who has long since closed his eyes on earthly scenes in a sleep that wakes not to toil, was the late Michael Beal than whom it would have been hard to find a more whole-souled or trustworthy a man, and because of his many commendable qualities, his industry, honesty and public spirit he was always revered by a host of warm friends and his memory will always be cherished by the many who knew him, and all speak in the highest terms of his exemplary and worthy life.

Mr. Beal was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1821. He was the son of John and Margaret Beal, natives of Pennsylvania, in which state they lived and died.

Michael Beal was educated in the subscription schools of his time and was reared on the farm, where he found plenty of hard work to do, for it

had not long been reclaimed from the wilderness. Then, too, there were fourteen children in the family, and the father had died comparatively early in life, so the sons had to help raise the family and necessarily found plenty to do.

Michael Beal was married in February, 1843, and in March of that year he moved to Knox county and located where O. M. Underwood now lives in Butler township, and later he added to this place until he became very comfortably established and through hard work and rightly applied principles ranked with the leading farmers of his vicinity, spending the remainder of his life here, dying on November 17, 1893.

Politically, Mr. Beal was a Republican and he held a number of the local offices, always to the satisfaction of all concerned, though he preferred to lead a quiet home life and cared practically nothing for the emoluments of public office.

Mr. Beal was married in February, 1843, as stated in a preceding paragraph, to Margaret Albright, a native of Londonderry township, Bedford county, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Christian Albright. Thirteen children were born to Michael Beal and wife, two of whom died in infancy and two in childhood; nine are still living, named as follows: Edward died when five years old; Charles married Mary Carpenter and she is now deceased; Levi married Lucy Dunlap; George died when eighteen months old; Mary M. was next in order of birth; Martha Ellen married O. M. Underwood, a farmer of this county; Lucy is the wife of Osborne Hunter; Christian P. came next in order; Joseph, a farmer of Butler township, whose sketch appears on another page of this work; Sarah J. married Thomas Shupley; Michael, who married Clarissa B. Hunter, lives in California.

GEORGE W. SPERRY.

The biographies of enterprising men, especially of good men, are instructive as guides and incentives to others. The examples they furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish. Some men seem to belong to no exclusive class in life; apparently insurmountable obstacles awaken their dormant faculties and serve as a stimulus to carry them to ultimate renown. The instances of success in the face of adverse fate would seem almost to justify the conclusion that self-reliance, with a half chance, can accomplish any

reasonable object. One of the well-to-do agriculturists and stock men of Morgan township, Knox county, who has had the courage to push onward in the face of obstacles is George W. Sperry, a worthy representative of one of our sterling old pioneer families.

Mr. Sperry was born on June 11, 1846, on a farm in Morgan township, near the town of Utica. He is the son of Peter W. and Jerusha (Wilson) Sperry. The grandparents, Jacob and Mary Sperry, came with their family from Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1817, and in that year Peter W. Sperry was born. Both the subject's grandfather and father were large land owners and dealt extensively in lands and were prominent and influential in this community. They were also large stock dealers and traders. The father of the subject was engaged in the banking business in Utica for about twenty-five years. It was a private bank and was very popular in that community. It was known as the Sperry & Wilson bank. Mr. Sperry established the first bank in Utica, which remained the only bank there for fully twenty years and it became an important commercial institution. Mr. Sperry was one of the most progressive business men of his day in this part of the country and was a man of strong characteristics in every way. Politically, he was a Republican, and took a leading part in public affairs, but was never an office seeker, though he filled various local offices in Morgan township. He was a devout member and liberal supporter of the Baptist church. His death occurred on December 21, 1894. His widow survives, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. They were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: George W., of this review; Ella, now Mrs. Chesley Wornstaff, of Ashley; Lina married Bennett Kelley, of Mt. Gilead; William W. lives in Morgan township; Charles F. lives at Ashley; Fred S. lives in Utica.

George W. Sperry was reared on the farm and there he worked hard when a boy. He received his education in the district schools and at Dennison University at Granville, Ohio. He was married on July 14, 1876, to Margery E. Smoots, daughter of Eli and Caroline (Moore) Smoots, of near Utica, Licking county. The father was a well known lawyer there and was active in settling many estates, some of much magnitude.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sperry, namely: Mabel, who married Ray K. Smith, is now deceased; Walter L. lives in Newark, Ohio; J. Arthur lives in Los Angeles, California.

After his marriage Mr. Sperry settled on a farm belonging to his father in Morgan township, Knox county, Ohio, and a few years later he bought the farm where he has since resided, one-half mile north of Utica.

He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and he now has two farms, totalling nearly four hundred acres, all well improved and excellent land. In connection with general farming on a large scale he carries on stock raising and feeding and shipping. Although his farms are rented, he superintends them. He has also been interested in raising and breeding Shetland ponies, pure-bred stock. He has maintained a breeding farm for twenty years and no small portion of his income has been derived from this source. His ponies are considered the very finest of their kind and have been in great demand, they having been shipped all over the country. He always keeps a large herd to select from. Mr. Sperry is a director in the Utica Savings Bank. He is also interested in various other business enterprises, and is a man of affairs, progressive in all that the term implies.

Politically, Mr. Sperry is a Republican, and while he has always been an active supporter of his party and all movements looking to the general improvement of his community, he has never been an office seeker. He has served two terms as justice of the peace of Morgan township, but never on his own volition, though he made a most faithful and capable public servant. Fraternally, he is a Mason, having been a member of the order for thirty-five years, and a member of Clinton Chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons, and Clinton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, at Mt. Vernon. His wife and family belong to the Presbyterian church. This family has long been prominent in the social life of the community.

REV. OTTO P. TROGUS.

The name of the Rev. Otto P. Trogus needs no formal introduction to the readers of this work, for his labors during the period of his residence in the locality embraced by this history have served to render him both favorably and well known, and as pastor of St. Luke's church at Danville, he has done much toward ameliorating the condition of the people here. He is an earnest, persistent worker, often laboring with disregard for his own ease and welfare if, thereby, he may make some one happier or better, content merely to know that he is following in the footsteps of the Master.

Rev. Father Trogus was born in Columbus, Ohio, and is the son of Joseph and Florentine Trogus, the oldest child of a family of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. He was baptized in Holy Cross church in his native city by the Rev. F. X. Specht, assistant pastor, who was then organizing the present St. Mary's parish, South Third street. It was in

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Otto P.Trogus,
Pastor.

this church he attended divine services and its parochial school in his boyhood days. When twelve years of age he received his first holy communion from the hands of the pastor, the Rev. F. X. Specht, V. G., and soon afterward was confirmed by the late Rev. John A. Watterson, D. D. Desirous of more learning he attended daily the cathedral night school, paying for the tuition from the means obtained by the labor of his hands during the day. This course was continued for several years. In the meantime he also assisted his parents, who still enjoy the blessings of earth in Ohio's capital city.

With the call of the priesthood from his early boyhood ever growing stronger, he sought the counsel and help of his superiors and then entered St. Jerome's College, Berlin, Ontario, Canada, and having finished his classical course there, he was admitted to and completed his theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary of the West, Cincinnati, where, on the 17th day of June, 1897, he was ordained by the late Most Rev. Archbishop William Elder, D. D., in the chapel of St. John the Baptist, in said seminary.

The subject said his first holy mass June 17, 1897, at Holy Cross church, Columbus, and soon afterwards attended to the office of chaplain of the Good Shepherd convent in Cincinnati, and after four months' service there, he was appointed assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales church, Newark, Ohio.

During the absence of the pastor of St. Francis Xavier's church, Malvern, Ohio, he was sent to assume temporary charge of this parish. He was then appointed pastor of St. Mary's church, Merges, Carroll county (Waynesburg postoffice), by the Rt. Rev. Henry Moeller, D. D., February 10, 1902, holding charge up to July 23, 1905, when he was transferred to his present pastorial charge, St. Luke's church, Danville, Ohio, by the present bishop of the Columbus diocese, the Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley, D. D.

On the 17th day of June, 1907, amidst the cheer and joy of the parishioners, Rev. Father Trogus celebrated the tenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, as a token of gratitude and praise to the Divine Majesty in acknowledgment of the numberless blessings received and at the same time invoking the Divine Master of the vineyard for His ceaseless assistance and blessing of his labors therein, ever mindful of the responsibility and cross of his sacerdotal office, yet, cheerfully faithful to his priestly duties. Since coming here he has greatly strengthened the church and has won the esteem of all who have come into contact with him, irrespective of creed. The present number of members in St. Luke's parish, adults and children, is five hundred and twenty-five.

OSMER JAMES HARRIS.

In this country it is easy for a strong young man to go out and make a good living for himself, that is, it is easy if he is willing to apply himself persistently to whatever he attempts, but this is not a land like the islands in the south Pacific ocean where one can live by practically no exertion, by merely partaking of nature's great storehouse, cocoanuts, bread fruit, bananas and many another esculent largess of the lavish Cornucopia. Such a country has never produced one single great leader of men in any avenue. They live along the line of least resistance, putting forth no effort to do anything worth while for either themselves or their fellows. The lands that produce great and strong men are those where a living must be wrested from a resisting nature, where one must work or starve and freeze.

One of the citizens of Knox county who has depended solely upon his own exertions for what he has is Osmer James Harris, farmer of Jackson township. He was born in this county on September 10, 1866, and here he has spent his life. He is the son of Robert and Mary (Melick) Harris. The paternal grandparents, Samuel and Sarah Harris, were old settlers of Knox county, and the maternal grandparents, Greenberry Melick and wife, were also pioneers of this country, which they all helped develop. Both parents of the subject were born in Knox county, reared here, and here they were married and became the owners of a good farm. In politics the father was a Democrat, and they were both members of the Disciples church. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are living at this writing. The father's death occurred on November 20, 1907, but the mother is still living.

Osmer J. Harris grew to manhood on his parents' farm and he received his education in the public schools of Bladensburg. When a young man he took up farming for a livelihood and this has been his life work. He worked by the month until he was married, then rented land for some time in order to get a start. In 1893 he bought a farm of eighty-three acres in Jackson township, Knox county, and here he has since remained successfully engaged in general farming, having added many valuable improvements to his place, and he always keeps sufficient live stock of various kinds to feed his crops to.

Politically, Mr. Harris is a Democrat, but he has never been an office-seeker. He and his wife belong to the Disciples church.

Mr. Harris was married on December 24, 1889, to Ella Horn, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Horn, natives of Knox county, where they grew

up and were married and here they spent their lives, the mother's death occurring on March 10, 1883, the father surviving until October 9, 1910, reaching an advanced age. He was the son of Joseph and Susan Horn, who came to this county from Pennsylvania about 1810, and here by hard work hewed out a home from the forest. The Horn family has been well known here for over a century. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Horn, all of whom are living. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Harris, George and Mary Adrian, were natives of Pennsylvania and were also very early settlers in Knox county. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Harris has been without issue.

CHARLES B. JACKSON.

In nearly every community are individuals who by innate ability and sheer force of character rise above discouraging environments to honored places in public esteem. Such a case is that of Charles B. Jackson, well known farmer and stock raiser of Milford township, a man who has been identified with the history of Knox county all his life, during which he has striven to do his part in the material affairs of the locality, while his career as a progressive man of affairs has been synonymous with all that is upright and honorable in citizenship. He is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of this section of the Buckeye state, and many of their praiseworthy attributes seem to have outcropped in him.

Mr. Jackson was born in Milford township, this county, near where he still resides, on November 14, 1853 He is the son of George and Sarah (Riley) Jackson. The paternal grandparents, Abram and Sarah Jackson, natives of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1820 and located in Milford township, when the country was being redeemed from the primeval wilderness and neighbors were few; here they bought a farm, established a good home and reared their family of three children, of whom George, father of the subject, was the youngest. He was a blacksmith by trade and a great trapper. He followed his trade until quite old. He and his wife both died here.

The maternal grandparents, William and Lucy (Arnold) Riley, were natives of Virgiia, she descended from a very early Kentucky family. He was a shoemaker by trade.

George Jackson, father of the subject, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and his wife, Sarah Riley, was born in Maryland

on October 22, 1820. They each came here when young with their parents and grew to maturity, she marrying first a Mr. Cramer, who died young, then married George Jackson. The latter devoted his life to farming and became the owner of about two hundred acres of excellent land. He was an influential man in his community. At one time he served as county commissioner, being on the building committee during the period that the court house was constructed. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were members of the Baptist church.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson were born six sons and two daughters, five of whom are living. By her first marriage one son was born.

George Jackson was captain of a company of militia in Milford township about 1838 or 1840. He was a hard working farmer and led a quiet life. His death occurred in September, 1890, his wife having preceded him to the narrow house in October, 1886.

Charles B. Jackson received his education in the old brick school house, in his home district schools, and he was reared on the farm, where he worked hard when a boy. Early in life he took up farming for a livelihood, working on the home place. In May, 1876, he purchased one hundred and one acres in Milford township, on which he erected a splendid set of buildings and made up-to-date improvements in every way and here he still resides, having been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, devoting especial attention to raising sheep.

Politically, Mr. Jackson is a loyal Democrat and has long been a potential factor in local affairs. He has served his township as clerk and assessor, and has been treasurer for the past two years, also township constable. As a public servant he performs his duties most ably and conscientiously, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Since 1908 Mr. Jackson has been president of the Knox County Agricultural Association, and he has done much to make the same a success. He keeps well informed on agricultural topics and advocates up-to-date methods in general farming. He has always been active in bettering the condition of the farmers. He and his wife belong to the Grange, and he has held all the offices in the same. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, having passed all the chairs in the local lodge, and represented it at Cleveland and Cincinnati at state conventions.

Charles B. Jackson was married on March 23, 1876, to Melvina Ross, a native of Milford township and the daughter of Timothy and Esther Ann Ross, each representing pioneer families of this locality, in which they were both born. Grandfather Ross was from Pennsylvania.

One son, Carroll, has been born to Charles B. Jackson and wife. He received a good education and is now a druggist at Gambier. He married Catherine Graham, daughter of N. Graham, and they have one son, Charles Graham Jackson, now four years old. Carroll Jackson served in Company L, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American war, being first corporal. He saw active service in Porto Rico. He was educated in the Mt. Vernon high school and in Ohio Northern University at Ada, from which he was graduated in pharmacy, also took a post-graduate course in the Ohio Pharmaceutical Institute.

W. L. BOTTENFIELD.

The name of W. L. Bottenfield needs no introduction to the people of Knox county, for here he has been actively engaged in agricultural affairs for many years and has taken an active part in public matters, and, being a genial, obliging gentleman, he has ever been held in high regard by those with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Bottenfield was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1839, the son of John and Mary (Woodruff) Bottenfield. The paternal grandparents, John and Barbara (Hammond) Bottenfield, were natives of Virginia, his death having occurred on February 21, 1805. Both his parents and those of his wife came to this country from Germany in colonial days, and settled in the Old Dominion, the elder Bottenfield spending his life there, probably on a plantation, but his wife came to Ohio when this country was a wilderness and here her death occurred in August, 1850, at the advanced age of ninety-three years, three months and eleven days. She and her husband were Dunkards.

The subject's maternal grandfather was a native of New York, but of English descent, and when a young man he went to New Jersey, where he married, and later moved to Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming and reared his family. In connection with farming he followed the trade of cabinet-maker. He and his wife both died in Greene county, Pennsylvania.

The father of the subject was born on April 27, 1788, in Virginia and his wife was born on April 17, 1794, in the state of New Jersey. Early in life they both moved to Pennsylvania and there were married, in Greene county. John Bottenfield was a cooper by trade, also engaged in farming, and in 1839, shortly after the birth of the subject, he moved to Milford

township, Knox county, and bought a farm of two hundred acres there. All was a vast stretch of woods and Mr. Bottenfield was compelled even to cut a road to his land. He began life here in true pioneer fashion, clearing and improving his land and developing an excellent farm and here he reared his family of ten children, who were of great assistance to him in establishing the family home, for there was plenty of work for all. W. L., of this sketch, is the only member of this large family now surviving. Politically, John Bottenfield was a Democrat and was active and influential in the public affairs of his day, and he served in most of the township offices. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church. Being crippled, he was exempt from military service during the Civil war. These parents spent the rest of their lives in Milford township, the death of the father occurring in 1867 and that of the mother in 1870.

W. L. Bottenfield, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm, where he made himself useful during the crop seasons when he became of proper age, and he received his education in the common schools of his home district; however, his early schooling was interrupted and he was compelled to leave the school room when twelve years of age and work steadily on the farm, having cleared a great deal of land, made rails, and performed many of the hard tasks that fell to the lot of every pioneer child. Later he managed the home place, and, being the youngest of the family, took care of his parents in their old age. Upon the death of his father, in 1867, he purchased one hundred acres of the home place, which he retained until 1871, when he sold out. Farming has been his chief life work, and he is now the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of fertile, well improved and well cultivated land in Milford township, upon which are an up-to-date set of buildings. He also owns valuable real estate in Newark, Ohio. He has lived on his present place since 1872. He has accumulated a competency through his able management of his general farming and live stock interests and in 1906 he retired from active life, and his son now operates the farm. During the past five years the subject has traveled most of the time, visiting many places of interest, traveling merely for pleasure, being away from home practically ever since the death of his wife in 1906; however, two years of this time was spent as a salesman.

Politically, Mr. Bottenfield is a Democrat, and he has held several of the township offices, always ably and satisfactorily. In 1893 he made the race for county commissioner, but the whole Democratic ticket was defeated in the McKinley landslide. Mrs. Bottenfield was a member of the Disciples church.

The subject was married in 1871 to Clamana L. Stevens, who was born, reared and educated in Knox county. She was the daughter of John and Emeline Stevens, old settlers and a highly respected family here. Mrs. Bottenfield was a lady of many estimable characteristics and a favorite with a wide circle of friends. She was called to her rest in 1906. One child was born to this union, Lee M., who married Jessie M. Clark, and is now farming on the homestead, as before stated.

EDMUND COAN HOWELL.

One of the leading farmers and stock men of Jackson township, Knox county, is Edmund Coan Howell, who has proven himself to be a man of sound judgment and pronounced views. While keeping himself well informed on current events and taking a lively interest in all public affairs of his township and county, yet he has never manifested a desire to exchange the quiet and contented life of a rural gentleman for the cares and vicissitudes which usually come to the man who fills official stations.

Mr. Howell was born in Washington township, Coshocton county, Ohio, October 29, 1845. He is the son of Hezekiah and Sarah Ann (Chapin) Howell. The paternal grandparents were William and Rachael Howell, natives of Virginia, who came to Coshocton county in an early day and there reared their family and spent the balance of their lives. The paternal grandparents, James and Susan (Seward) Chapin, were also early settlers of Coshocton county and there they died.

Hezekiah Howell, father of the subject, was born in 1822 and his death occurred on August 20, 1880. He came to Ohio as a child, and here he grew up and married; his wife, Sarah Ann Chapin, was born in this county and reared here. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Coshocton county and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Jackson township, which Mr. Howell improved, cleared and repaired the buildings, and added to until he became the owner of four hundred and sixty acres of valuable land and here he carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, becoming one of the substantial and influential men of his community. Politically, he was a Democrat. His family consisted of nine children, five of whom are now living. The death of the mother occurred on January 17, 1883, at the age of sixty-two years to the day.

Edmund C. Howell was reared on the home farm and there assisted with the general work. He received his education in the public schools of Knox county, whither he had come with his parents when a boy. With the exception of twelve and one-half years he has spent the rest of his life here. When a young man he worked by the month, then married and farmed a part of his father's land in Coshocton county. Upon the death of the father, the subject purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Coshocton county. When his mother died he bought the home place of one hundred and twenty acres in Jackson township, Knox county, a part of which lay in Licking county. Here he has since resided, having brought the land up to a high state of improvement and cultivation and put on new buildings, a commodious residence and such other improvements as necessary. He has also added seventy-four acres to his place in Coshocton county. He has carried on general farming and stock raising, and has become widely known as a breeder of high grade cattle, sheep and good horses.

Politically, Mr. Howell is a Democrat, though he is not a biased partisan and often votes independently. He has been township trustee for six years in Coshocton county and nine years as supervisor, and he has filled about all the township offices in Jackson; as a public servant he has been most faithful in the discharge of his duty. In religious matters he belongs to the Baptist church, while his wife holds membership in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Howell was married on January 18, 1873, to Margaret E. Horn, a native of Knox county and the daughter of Elliott and Susan (McComment) Horn, old settlers here and an excellent family. Seven children were born to this union, namely: George A. is floor walker in a department store in Cleveland; he was graduated from Granville College in 1907; Frank O., a graduate of Oberlin Business College, lives in Columbus, where he is secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Grocery Association; Walter F., a graduate of Carlisle high school, is teaching in Louisville, Licking county, Ohio; Charles W., who was graduated in 1911 from Grinnell College, is engaged in government survey work at Paulding, Ohio; Ray is a student at Oberlin and will graduate from the Granville Academy; Ross, who spent two years at Granville, is still a student; Grace is teaching school at Vanatta, Licking county. All these children have taught school four years, except Grace, who is teaching her first term, and Walter F., who has taught ten years, all most satisfactorily.

Mr. Howell's first wife passed away on March 16, 1904, and on August 15, 1907, he was married to Mrs. Emma B. Edmiston, nee Blue, the daughter of a well known local family. This union has been without issue.

SIMON B. FISH.

Longfellow said, "The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well and doing well whatever you do, without any thought of fame." Illustrative of this sentiment has been the life of Simon B. Fish, farmer of Butler township, Knox county, for he has tended strictly to his own affairs, pushed forward when the way was beset by obstacles and has succeeded in establishing a comfortable home. By his amiable disposition and genuine worth he has gained for himself a warm place in the hearts of his many friends in the eastern part of the county where he has long maintained his residence.

Mr. Fish was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, October 28, 1863. He is the son of Frederick and Keziah (Crawford) Fish. His paternal grandparents, Frederick and Margaret Fish, were natives of Pennsylvania and they came to Ohio very early, settling in Coshocton county, entering land there which they improved and on which they spent the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents, Thomas and Mary Crawford, came from Maryland to Coshocton county, Ohio, in early times and there they spent the balance of their lives.

The parents of the subject were both born in Coshocton county, there grew to maturity, received their education in the common schools and there were married. From there they moved to Muskingum county, but in 1865 or the year following they established their home in Knox county, Mr. Fish becoming the owner of a good farm of one hundred and eight acres. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he and his wife belonged to the Disciples church. Their family consisted of nine children, three of whom are deceased, six still living.

Simon B. Fish grew up on the home farm and was educated in the public schools of Jackson township. He worked by the month at farming for a year, then rented land a year, after which he bought twenty acres in Butler township and to this he has added forty acres, now having an excellent and well kept farm of sixty acres, on which he has built a cozy and substantial dwelling, good barn and other outbuildings, and here he has carried on general farming and stock raising successfully.

Politically, Mr. Fish is an independent voter, and he belongs to the Patrons of Industry.

On October 8, 1881, Mr. Fish was united in marriage with Angie Woods, daughter of John Woods and wife, old settlers in this county. One daughter was born to this union, Retta, now the wife of Otis Olerg.

Mr. Fish's first wife died and on March 8, 1897, he was united in marriage with Amanda B. Vincent, daughter of Alexander M. and Mary Jane (Buchanan) Vincent, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew up and were married, and shortly afterwards they came to Ohio, in 1854, locating in Knox county; here Mr. Vincent engaged in the live stock business, buying and shipping, later turning his attention to farming. His death occurred in 1902, his wife having died in 1894. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are living, namely: Elizabeth, Amanda B., Judson and Mark.

FRANCIS WYLIE CAMPBELL.

It is generally considered by those in the habit of superficial thinking that the history of so-called great men only is worthy of preservation and that little merit exists among the masses to call forth the praises of the historian or the cheers and the appreciation of mankind. A greater mistake was never made. No man is great in all things and very few are great in many things. Some, by a lucky stroke, achieve lasting fame, who before that had no reputation beyond the limits of their neighborhoods. It is not a history of the lucky stroke which benefits humanity most, but the long study and effort which made the lucky stroke possible. It is the preliminary work, the method, that serves as a guide for the success of others. Among the farmers of Morgan township who have achieved success along steady lines of action is Francis W. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was born on January 15, 1861, in Washington township, Licking county, Ohio, and is the son of William and Sarah (Fishbaugh) Campbell. The Campbells came from Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1810, and were therefore among the early pioneers of this locality, Grandfather John Campbell having come with his family and entered land from the government, the farm still being in possession of the family. This country was a wilderness at that time, the home of Indians and all kinds of wild kindreds of fur and feather. Hardships were many and luxuries few, but he was a man of strong characteristics, courage and fortitude and he succeeded in establishing a good home, first erecting a log cabin and making a little clearing. The family celebrated the centennial anniversary of their coming to Ohio in 1910. The father of the subject died in May, 1910, his wife having preceded him to the grave on October 1, 1905. These parents never lived in Knox county.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, namely: Robert J., living on the home farm in Licking county; Ensley S., of Miller township, Knox county; Francis W., of this sketch; Laura B. married A. H. Robrahn, of Sandusky, Ohio; William S. Campbell, who lives on the home farm in Licking county, Ohio.

Francis W. Campbell was reared on the home farm, where he worked when a boy. He received his education in the public schools of Utica, and he remained on the home farm until his marriage, on June 7, 1893, to Thedocia E. Tulloss, who was born in 1867, the daughter of Rodham and Elizabeth (Harris) Tulloss, a prominent Knox county family, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. The subject and wife have one daughter, Edith L., born June 2, 1901, now a student in the public schools.

The subject and wife first began housekeeping on the John Campbell homestead in Miller township, Knox county, later moving to their present farm, two miles northwest of Utica in Morgan township. This is one of the finest farms in this locality, and it comprises over three hundred acres, is well improved and under a high state of cultivation, and here Mr. Campbell carries on general farming and stock raising in a most successful manner, and he feeds all kinds of live stock, making a specialty of cattle. He has rotated his crops, applied fertilizer and "clovered" his land until it has more than retained its original fertility. He and his family are members of the Covenanter church and he is an elder in the same and has always been active in church and Sunday school work. He has a fine home, in fact, one of the most attractive country homes in the county, and it is known to the many friends of the family as a place of hospitality and good cheer, the family being prominent in all circles in which they choose to move.

GEORGE S. HAMILTON.

Among those who have met with a large measure of success in the active duties of life in Knox county is George S. Hamilton, owner of an excellent farmstead in the vicinity of Mt. Vernon. He comes of a splendid family, who have always been strong advocates of right living and industrious habits, for education and morality, and for all that contributes to the welfare of the commonwealth. Throughout his career Mr. Hamilton has pursued the even tenor of his way in the quiet and unostentatious manner which never courts publicity, attending strictly to his own affairs, doing the

right as he sees and understands the right and keeping his conscience void of offense toward his Creator and his fellow men.

Mr. Hamilton was born on February 16, 1860, on a farm five miles north of Utica, where he has always lived. He is the son of William and Elizabeth (Sellers) Hamilton, the father a native of Harrison county, Ohio, born on November 26, 1822. The mother was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1817. William Hamilton came to Knox county in 1846 with his brother John and they settled on the Martinsburg road in Morgan township, where he bought one hundred and eighty acres, later buying a farm where the subject now lives. He became a large land owner and prosperous farmer, and was influential in the affairs of his community. John Sellers, the maternal grandfather, came with his family from Greene county, Pennsylvania, about 1820 and settled on land in Morgan township, when the country was new and sparsely settled, establishing his home near Owl creek, where he spent the remainder of his life, and here William Hamilton and Elizabeth Sellers were married. They became the parents of five children, namely: John, born October 24, 1848, died April 2, 1853; Craig, born January 5, 1851, and died April 4, 1851; William M., born February 15, 1854, lives in Kansas; Edwin F., born August 8, 1856, lives in Mt. Vernon; George S., of this review. The death of the father occurred on May 17, 1908, and the mother on April 18, 1910. Both are buried in Owl Creek cemetery, near the old family homestead. The father was a Republican and for many years was active in public affairs and filled various township offices, and he was land appraiser for some time; he was frequently urged to accept county offices, but always declined. He was a man of affairs, with advanced ideas, and was highly regarded by all. He and his wife were members of the Owl Creek Baptist church and were devout church people.

George S. Hamilton was reared on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work during the crop seasons as soon as he reached the proper age, and during the winter months he attended the common schools of his home community. He later entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he made a good record. Returning home, he worked on the farm until his marriage, on February 15, 1900, to Alice M. McMahan, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Jolly) McMahan, of Pleasant township, Knox county. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Ruth, born January 5, 1902; Georgia Louise and Martha Leone, twins, born February 16, 1904.

Since his marriage Mr. Hamilton has lived on the farm where he now resides, and he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock

raiser and feeding live stock of various grades. He has kept the place under a high state of improvement and cultivation. For a number of years prior to and after his marriage he was extensively engaged in stock shipping. His fine farm comprises three hundred and eleven acres of as fertile land as the county affords, and he is regarded as a progressive and scientific farmer. He has a commodious home and substantial outbuildings and such improved types of farming machinery as his needs require. Mr. Hamilton has been very successful in a financial way and besides his farm he is largely interested in a number of business enterprises.

Politically, Mr. Hamilton is a Republican, and while he is a strong partisan he has not been an office seeker or holder; however, he has been urged frequently to be a candidate for county offices, but has always declined, preferring to attend strictly to his individual affairs, leaving the emoluments of public offices to others, though his support in all local movements looking to the general good of the community may always be depended upon.

GEORGE A. HARRIS.

One of the self-made men of southeastern Knox county is George A. Harris, of Jackson township, farmer, contractor and carpenter, a man who began life's struggles with little aid except such as his good strong arms, backed by a well defined purpose, afforded him, and he has never depended upon his friends and acquaintances to do his work or lay his plans, well knowing that life is a battle which each must fight out for the most part alone and learn to rely solely upon himself.

Mr. Harris was born in Jackson township, this county, January 21, 1852. He is the son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Holtz) Harris. His paternal grandfather, Elijah Harris, was one of the early settlers of Knox county and here became very comfortably established through his industry and close application. The maternal grandparents, George and Susan Holtz, were also early settlers here, entering land from the government which they developed into a good farm on which they spent the remaining years of their lives.

The father of the subject was born in this county on September 1, 1830, and the mother on November 4, 1827. They devoted their lives to farming, owning a good place. The father died January 28, 1908, and the mother on December 30, 1903.

George A. Harris was educated in the public schools of Newcastle and in Indiana common schools. He was reared on the farm and has always followed farming. Early in his career he moved to a forty-acre farm which he bought in Jackson township, on which there were already good buildings and here he has carried on general farming and stock raising and he now has a good home. In connection with farming he has also engaged in the building trades, working as a stone mason for a period of thirty-eight years and for the past five years he has worked at carpentering, but he has lived on his farm all the while. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land which he has kept well improved and under good cultivation. He has been very successful in a business way, always a hard worker and is regarded as very skilled as a builder, his services being in great demand.

Politically, Mr. Harris is a Democrat and he has been more or less active in public affairs, always supporting such movements as make for the general upbuilding of the community and county. He has been justice of the peace for six years, the duties of which office he has discharged in an able and praiseworthy manner. He is a member of the Disciples church, as is also his wife, and fraternally Mr. Harris belongs to the Patrons of Industry.

On May 22, 1877, Mr. Harris was united in marriage at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to Susanna Ashcraft, a native of Knox county, and the daughter of Simon Ashcraft and wife, old settlers of this county, both now deceased. To the subject and wife six children have been born, named as follows: Orpha Estella, wife of Willis Johnson, and they live in Licking county; Cary Douglas lives in Coshocton county; Aldice Ray, who lives in Harrison township, Knox county; Leota is the wife of Ben John, and they live near Gambier, Ohio; Grover G. and Jesse Carlisle live at home.

COLEMAN E. BOGGS.

A member of one of the honored pioneer families of the locality of which this history treats, the name of Boggs has been closely associated with the history of this section of the Buckeye state, and Coleman E. Boggs, like his honored father before him, is counted one of our progressive agriculturists. In business relations he has always been known to be straightforward and reliable, is patriotic in citizenship, and his social relations ever

wholesome. He is esteemed for these commendable traits of character together with his cordial disposition and genuine worth.

Mr. Boggs was born in Clay township, this county, December 27, 1848, on a farm in Clay township, one mile west of Bladensburg. He is the son of Ezekiel and Sarah (Magee) Boggs, both natives of Belmont county, Ohio, of the vicinity of St. Clairsville. They grew to maturity, received their education and were married in Belmont county, and they moved to Knox county about 1830, in pioneer days, settling in Clay township, and engaged in farming, establishing a good home through industry and economy, and here the elder Boggs became a substantial and prominent citizen. He was a Democrat in politics and was a leader in local affairs, his counsel being sought by candidates and his advice carried weight in all things. At one time he represented Knox county in the state Legislature for one term in an able and praiseworthy manner. He served as justice of the peace and as a member of the district school board. He held to the Presbyterian faith, but was not a church member. His death occurred in 1853, when a comparatively young man. His widow survived nearly forty years, dying on October 8, 1892, and both are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Martinsburg. Their family consisted of five sons and four daughters, named as follows: John M., Lucinda J., Jesse, William W. and Mary E. are all deceased; Coleman E., of this review; Martha F. is single and lives in Wheeling, West Virginia; Tabitha is deceased; Abraham, the third child, died in infancy.

Coleman E. Boggs was reared on the home farm and educated in the public schools of Wheeling, West Virginia. After leaving school he clerked in a store in Bladensburg for three years, then began teaching school in 1867 and continued constantly as a teacher until 1904 in the schools of Knox county and six years in the high school at Bladensburg, also five years in the Martinsburg high school, two of the most noted and best high schools in the smaller towns of Ohio. He taught six years in one country district and the first school he taught was so satisfactory that he was retained in that district for a period of seven years. He became one of the best known and popular educators in the county, his services being in great demand and he ranked high among his professional brethren in this section of the state. He alternated teaching with farming, raising crops during the vacation periods. For nine years he was one of the board of three members of county school examiners and was universally recognized as one of the county's most progressive exponents of education. In the year 1904 he retired from the ranks of teachers, although not from those interested in educational progress.

Politically, Mr. Boggs is a Democrat and he has always been interested in public matters and supported such measures as had for their object the general betterment of local conditions in any way. He has served as clerk of Clay township for about ten years, though he has never been an office seeker. Fraternally, he is a member of Colfax Lodge No. 184, Knights of Pythias, at Bladensburg, being a charter member of that lodge, and he has filled all the chairs in the same. While teaching he was a member of the Knox County Teachers' Association and also the Southeastern Ohio Teachers' Association and was an active participant in their discussions and was always an attendant at the annual meetings of the Ohio Teachers Association. He kept thoroughly in touch with all that was best in progressive education and he yet retains his membership in the Ohio Teachers Reading Circle.

Since leaving the school room as teacher Mr. Boggs has been engaged in general farming and stock raising on his farm, four miles east of Martinsburg in Clay township, his place consisting of thirty-two acres, and to this he gives his exclusive attention. He has never married.

Mr. Boggs is not a church member, but he was reared in the Presbyterian faith and he has never departed from the belief of his parents. He is a regular attendant at church and Sunday school and is a liberal supporter of the church. He is a man of literary tastes and has accumulated an excellent library.

NEWTON R. EASTMAN, M. D.

Only simple justice is done a biographical fact when we place the name of Dr. Newton R. Eastman, of Mt. Vernon, in the front rank of Knox county physicians, a fact universally recognized throughout the locality by those at all familiar with his career. A gentleman of sound discretion, good judgment, scholarly attainments and a high order of professional ability, he has so impressed his individuality upon the community as to gain recognition also among its leading citizens and public-spirited men, and yet plain and unassuming in his every-day life, a man of the people, honest, honorable and obliging, always ready to support any movement having for its object the betterment of the city and county whose interests he has long had at heart.

Doctor Eastman was born of a sterling old family at Bucyrus, Crawford county, Ohio, on November 11, 1871, and is the son of James W. and

NEWTON R. EASTMAN, M. D.

Katherine (Vance) Eastman. The Doctor's ancestry is accurately traced back to Warden Eastman, who emigrated from Wales to America in 1614 and located in New Amsterdam, now the city of New York, the Doctor being the fourteenth generation descended from him. The father, James W. Eastman, was a man of influence in his community, and he was a soldier in the Civil war, a private in Company G, Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Gibson, for whom he had worked on a farm as a boy. He served very gallantly for a period of three years and six months, and he was wounded during the battle of Atlanta. He is buried at Rock Creek cemetery at Tiffin, Ohio, and beside him lies the remains of his grandfather, Peter Ward Eastman, who died in 1777. The Doctor is a relative of the well known manufacturers of Eastman kodaks, also a relative of Doctors Eastman, prominent surgeons of Indianapolis, Indiana. Abigail Eastman, mother of Daniel Webster, was a sister of Peter Ward Eastman, mentioned above. Doctor Eastman's mother comes of a fine old Virginia family. His great-grandfather Vance was a great slaveholder and at the beginning of the Civil war he released a number of slaves. He was then well advanced in years and he died during the progress of the war.

Doctor Newton R. Eastman received his early educational training in the schools of Bowling Green and Shelby and later attended Baldwin University, from which he was graduated in 1890. The following year he began reading medicine in the office of the late John E. Russell, of Mt. Vernon, where he remained one year, then entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, where he made an excellent record and from which he was graduated in 1895. In April of that year he began practicing in Bellville, Richland county, this state, remaining there until January 4, 1908, when he came to Mt. Vernon, where he succeeded to the practice of his old preceptor, Dr. John E. Russell, with whom he formed a partnership, but the death of the latter prevented its consummation. Doctor Eastman has remained in Mt. Vernon and he has enjoyed a very liberal patronage from the first, which has continued to grow with succeeding years until today he is regarded as one of the leading medical men of this section of the state. He has a well-equipped office and, always an assidious student, he has kept well informed on everything pertaining to his profession. While in Richland county he was president of the board of United States pension examiners. In June, 1909, he was elected, at St. Louis, first vice-president of the Association of Baltimore & Ohio Railway Surgeons, which has a membership of nearly five hundred. He is company surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and Pennsylvania railroad. He is a member of the Knox

County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Politically, he is a Republican, and fraternally he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Masons.

Doctor Eastman is the only son in a family of four children; his sisters are Mattie, wife of R. P. Hall, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Morna is the wife of James E. Dykes, of Birmingham, Alabama; Edith is the wife of John DeVoe, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

On February 3, 1897, occurred the marriage of Dr. Eastman and Katherine Schuler, daughter of Edwin and Jennie (Fitting) Schuler, the latter the daughter of Frederick Fitting, one of the pioneer business men of Richland county and the man who built the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from Newark to Sandusky. Mrs. Eastman was born at Covington, Kentucky, and she lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, until she was six years of age, then, upon the death of her father, the mother took her to Bellville. She is a lady of many estimable traits and, like the Doctor, is a favorite with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

To Doctor Eastman and wife two sons and one daughter have been born, namely: Russell, born February 7, 1898; Robert, born in 1900, and Jane, in 1902.

W. W. STONEHOCKER.

The medical fraternity in Knox county has in Dr. W. W. Stonehocker, of Bladensburg, a most worthy and able exponent, for during his years of successful practice in this locality he has won a wide reputation as a learned, painstaking and conscientious general practitioner, and he has long enjoyed a wide and ever growing patronage. He is a worthy representative of an honorable old Buckeye family and he has kept the even tenor of his way in such a manner that the luster of the family name has been augmented.

Dr. Stonehocker was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, July 25, 1855. He is the son of John J. and Sarah (Wencklepleck) Stonehocker. The paternal grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Dicker) Stonehocker, were natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to the United States in 1812, locating in Coshocton county when the country was sparsely settled and the painted savage and all manner of creatures of the wild inhabited the far-stretching forests. The grandfather entered a farm of one hundred and four acres from the government, and here he set to work with a will and soon established a good home and had an excellent farm. This land

is still in possession of his descendants, having thus been in the family for an even century.

On this farm the grandparents spent the remainder of their lives. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. They were the parents of ten children. The maternal grandparents of the subject were of Scotch descent and were also among the old settlers in Ohio.

The father of the subject was born in Coshocton county, this state, in 1807, and the mother in Tuscarawas county, and they were married in that locality. He devoted his life to farming, owning an excellent farm. Their family consisted of eight children, two of whom died in infancy; six grew to maturity and four are living at this writing, the subject being the only one married. The father of these children was a Democrat in early life, but at the commencement of the Civil war he turned Republican, and while deeply interested in public affairs he was never an office holder. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a man of exemplary character. His death occurred in Coshocton county in 1869, and his wife died in 1879.

Doctor Stonehocker attended the public schools, and, having had a laudable ambition from early life to enter the medical profession, he entered the Ohio State University, later the Jefferson Medical School at Philadelphia, and he was graduated from the Columbus Medical School in 1881, having made an excellent record in all these institutions. Thus well equipped for his chosen life work, he located for the practice of his profession at Canal Dover, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he remained four years, enjoying an excellent practice from the start; but seeking a wider field for the exercise of his talents, he came to Bladensburg, Knox county, in the spring of 1885, opening an office here in April and here he has since remained, having enjoyed a large patronage with the people of southeastern Knox county and adjoining counties, in fact, none of his professional brethren in the county has a more extensive practice, and he has met with singular success. Although a very busy man looking after his numerous patients, he has found time to keep fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession, having ever been a student as well as a keen observer.

Politically, the Doctor is a Republican, and while he takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, especially as affecting his community, he is not especially active in political matters, preferring to give his attention exclusively to his profession, in which he stands very high in this part of the state. In fraternal matters he is a Mason, a Knight Templar, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles

of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife belongs to the Disciples church.

Doctor Stonehocker was married on April 14, 1904, to Mrs. Mae Allen, *nee* Myers, a native of Coshocton county, where she grew to womanhood and received her education. She is a lady of culture and many commendable attributes. She is the daughter of James and Elizabeth Myers, a prominent old family of that county. By a former marriage, Mrs. Stonehocker became the mother of one son, Oliver Allen. Her union with the Doctor has been without issue. They are pleasant people to know, hospitable, genial and alert to the best interests of society.

ADAM SCOTT.

One of the best known and most progressive agriculturists and stock raisers of eastern Knox county is Adam Scott, whose finely improved landed estate in Butler township never fails to attract the attention and admiration of the observer, for it indicates even at a cursory glance that the owner is a man of good taste, sound judgment and progressive ideas. He has been content to spent his life in his home community and carry onward the work here inaugurated by his ancestors in the pioneer epoch, for the Scott family has been prominent in this locality for several generations, consequently a history of Knox county would be incomplete were there failure to give proper space to them.

Adam Scott was born in Jackson township, this county, on April 30, 1868. He is the son of Lewis B. and Martha A. (Blunt) Scott. The paternal grandfather, Alexander Scott, was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler in Coshocton county, Ohio, where he became a farmer and land owner. His family consisted of two sons and two daughters. He and his wife both spent the remainder of their lives in that county. The maternal grandparents, James and Mary (Ross) Blunt, were early settlers in Knox county and here they spent the balance of their lives; they were probably of English descent.

Lewis B. Scott, father of the subject, was born in Coshocton county about 1838; the mother was born in Knox county about 1840. Here they grew to maturity and were married, Mr. Scott devoting his life to farming, owning one hundred and sixty acres at the time of his death in 1903, his

widow surviving until in October, 1910. Politically, he was a Democrat and was active in township affairs, holding a number of township offices. Their family consisted of nine children, four sons and five daughters, seven of whom are living.

Adam Scott, of this sketch, was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. He began working by the month on farms in his native community, which he continued for six years, then married, and he inherited a farm from his wife's people. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, which he has kept well tilled and well improved. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Newcastle and to the Grange in Butler township. Politically, he is a Democrat and he has been trustee of his township.

Mr. Scott was married on January 25, 1894, to Minnie A. Horn, who was born May 6, 1874, in Knox county, the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Catherine (Giffin) Horn, an excellent old family here, both parents being reared in this township. Mr. Horn died October 7, 1906, his wife having preceded him to the grave on September 1, 1883. They were the parents of two children, Minnie Adella, wife of Mr. Scott, and Mary Selora, who was born January 27, 1877, and whose death occurred on April 10, 1879. Mr. Horn devoted his life to farming and insurance, making a specialty of fruits and bee raising, was also a dealer in furs and wool in the winter time.

To Mr. and Mrs. Scott two children were born, namely: Charles Lee, born September 3, 1895, and Elsie Marie, born January 28, 1899, both attending school in Newcastle.

In view of the prominence of the antecedents of Mrs. Scott it is deemed advisable to go further into the history of the same. Her maternal grandparents, Robert and Martha (Busenburg) Giffin, were natives of Virginia, he born on November 21, 1813, and she on February 11, 1821. They came to Coshocton county, Ohio, in a very early day and here they were married and spent their lives on a farm. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Scott, Jacob and Kerren Happuch (Morningstar) Horn, were also early settlers here, he having been born on January 1, 1815, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and in 1816 he was brought by his parents to Knox county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and was married on March 12, 1843, his wife having been born in Virginia on March 10, 1818. They were the parents of six children, namely: Abraham, born October 2, 1845, is deceased;

Elizabeth, born June 7, 1847; William, born September 5, 1849; Solomon, born October 1, 1857; Alonzo, born July 11, 1859, is deceased; Mary Ellen, born July 9, 1860. These children were reared in this county. Abraham was the father of the wife of the subject.

Robert Giffin came to Knox county with his parents and he located in Butler township in 1838, having been married the year previous to Martha Busenburg, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Louisa, born March 28, 1839; Sarah Catherine, born September 16, 1841; Amanda J., born March 20, 1843; William B., born June 28, 1844; Mary Elizabeth, born August 9, 1847; Charles Francis, born September 20, 1850; Wilson Monroe, born June 5, 1853; Martha Ellen, born March 7, 1858. The only ones now living are William B. and Mary Elizabeth.

JOHN CALVIN HARRIS.

One of the most painstaking and modern agriculturists of southeastern Knox county is John Calvin Harris, of near Bladensburg, Jackson township. He was fortunate in having good parents, who taught him from the start the duties of life—not ordinary instruction, but the higher duties which all owe to each other and to society. The result has been to give him broad ideas of life and its responsibilities and to fit him for upright and worthy citizenship.

Mr. Harris was born in Bladensburg, Ohio, August 10, 1856, and is the son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Holtz) Harris. The paternal grandparents, Elijah and Sarah Harris, were natives of Pennsylvania and they came to Ohio in a very early day. He was a farmer and he spent his last days here, becoming very well established through his industry, he and his wife dying in Clay township. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. The maternal grandparents, George and Susan Holtz, were also natives of Pennsylvania and from that state they, too, came to Knox county in pioneer times where they developed a good farm and spent the balance of their lives.

The parents of the subject were married in this county and here the father devoted his life to farming. He also conducted a tannery at Newcastle for a number of years, in connection with which he also did some farming. He lived a quiet and retired life. His family consisted of seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, and five of them are now living.

The death of Jesse Harris occurred on January 28, 1908, aged seventy-seven years, and his wife died on December 30, 1903, aged seventy-six years.

John C. Harris was educated in the public schools of his native community and at Newcastle, and he went to school two years in Greene county, Indiana. When a young man he took up carpentering and farming, buying forty acres in Jackson township, which he later sold and bought fifteen acres. He now owns about forty-five acres in and around Bladensburg, also forty acres in Clay township. He farms in a general way and handles some good stock. For about twenty years he ran a nursery on his fifteen-acre farm, handling all kinds of fruit trees, and he became widely known in this connection. He made a special study of horticultural subjects and was very successful as a nurseryman, enjoying a large business.

Politically, Mr. Harris is a Democrat, and while he takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, he is not a seeker after public honors. He has served his community as road supervisor. He and his wife are members of the Disciples church, and he belongs to the Patrons of Industry.

Mr. Harris was married on August 31, 1880, to Hattie Larason, a native of Knox county and the daughter of Thomas and Melinda Larason, old settlers here, he having come to Knox county from New Jersey, the father accompanying his parents, James and Elizabeth Larason, when he was one year old. Here the parents established a comfortable home and spent the rest of their lives here. The mother of Mrs. Harris was a native of Muskingum county, Ohio. Eleven children were born to Thomas Larason and wife, six of whom are living, two daughters and four sons. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Odessa, who married Lloyd Hall, and Ethel, who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of two children, Zelpha and John Thomas.

WILLIAM McCOY MITCHELL.

One of the farmers of Butler township, Knox county, who believes in adopting twentieth-century methods and in having system in whatever he attempts to do is William McCoy Mitchell, a public-spirited citizen who withholds his co-operation from no movement which is intended to promote public improvement. What he has achieved in life proves the force of his character and illustrates his steadfastness of purpose, and because of his many commendable characteristics he enjoys the good will and the friendship of his neighbors and acquaintances over the county.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Allen county, Ohio, November 20, 1864. He is the son of William Ottawa Carter Mitchell and Sarah Ellen (Boyer) Mitchell. The paternal grandparents, Jonathan Mitchell and wife, were early settlers in Allen and Logan counties, having come from Virginia in the early forties, and they both died in Allen county. The maternal grandfather was a native of Scotland, from which country he emigrated to America years ago, changing his name to Boyer from the original in order to escape military service. He finally married and came to Allen county, Ohio, where he sent the balance of his life. The mother of the subject was born in Allen county, Ohio, in 1839, and the father of William M. Mitchell was born in Virginia in 1832. When a small boy he came to Ohio with his parents, and located in either Allen or Logan counties, and there he was married, in Allen county, and continued to reside there eight or nine years, and then, in 1872, moved to Millwood, Knox county, and engaged in milling until 1880, then moved to the Giffin farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Butler and Union townships, and there his death occurred on February 19, 1905. His wife is still living. In connection with his farming, Mr. Mitchell also ran a country store in the same building as his residence until it burned in 1900. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he took an active part in public affairs He was one of the prime movers in establishing the Millwood special district and he served on the school board there. He joined the Presbyterian church early in life and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal, which he later joined.

William M. Mitchell received his education in the public schools of Millwood and he was reared on the home farm and when a boy worked on the farm and in the mill. As a young man he followed school teaching for about five years very successfully, then went to farming, operating his mother-in-law's farm of thirty acres. In 1910 he purchased forty-seven acres of the old home place, although he has continued to live on the first place he selected as a permanent home. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock man, being widely known as a breeder of Poland-China hogs. He has a good home and his place is well improved.

Politically, Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat, and fraternally he belongs to the Grange and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Mitchell was married in 1885 to Rose Ellen Harbaugh, who was born on the farm where she still lives, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education in the common schools. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah H. Harbaugh, the former of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and the latter of Knox county, Ohio. The father died before the wife of

the subject was born. The mother is still living. They had but one child, Rose Ellen, wife of Mr. Mitchell.

To the subject and wife one son has been born, William Fletcher, a machinist by trade, who is living at home.

WALTER C. RILEY.

One of the worthy native sons of Milford township, Knox county, who has been content to spend his life right here at home, knowing that no better locality than this could be found in which to exercise the talent of general farming, is Walter C. Riley, a man who, however, would have succeeded in whatever community he cast his lot, for combined in him are traits of character that never fail to win when properly applied, such as persistency, indefatigable energy and honesty of purpose.

Mr. Riley was born in this township on February 16, 1867. He is the son of James and Catherine (Shearer) Riley. His paternal grandparents, William and Catherine Riley, were natives of Pennsylvania, in which state they grew up and were married and from there they emigrated to Ohio very early, locating in Ashland county, where they operated a good farm and reared their family, which consisted of eleven children, one of whom is now living. The maternal grandparents of the subject, Peter and Eliza (Young) Shearer, were also early settlers in Knox county, he having been born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1811, and she in Pennsylvania, from which state she came with her parents to this county when five years of age, John Young and wife being early farmers here. Peter Shearer was a physician and practiced many years in Richland and Ashland counties, and he finally went to California as a physician for a prospecting company and there his death occurred while in the service of the company.

James and Catherine Riley, parents of the subject, were natives of Ashland county, Ohio, his birth having occurred in 1832 and hers in 1839. There they grew to maturity, were educated and married. He received a fairly good education and for some time taught school, but farming was his principal occupation. He moved to Iowa county, Iowa, also spent two and one-half years in Missouri, engaged in school teaching and farming, returning to Ohio in 1862, locating in Knox county, and here resumed teaching school and farming, making a pronounced success of both. He became owner of one hundred and fifty acres of land in Milford township

and had a good home there and was influential in the affairs of the community. Politically, he was a Democrat, but not an aspirant for public office. He and his wife belonged to the Disciples church. His death occurred in 1873 and the mother remarried, her last husband being James Scott, who also is deceased. The mother of the subject is still living.

Walter C. Riley was reared on the home farm and there he assisted with the general work about the place during the summer months when old enough. He received his education in the district schools of Milford township, in the Pleasant Hill school. He turned his attention to farming for a livelihood early in life and first rented land for about eighteen months, then in 1905 bought sixteen acres on which he built a comfortable house and since then he has added to his original purchase until he now owns ninety-one acres of excellent land on which he makes a good living and which he has greatly improved, being one of the desirable little farms of Milford township. In connection with general farming he keeps some good live stock of various grades.

Politically, Mr. Riley is a Democrat, and he takes more than a passing interest in public affairs, yet is no public man. He belongs to the Disciples church, and fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange.

Mr. Riley was married in 1888 to Lillian B. Jackson, a native of Milford township, this county, where she grew up and received her education. She is the daughter of Van and Orlean (Jackson) Jackson, one of the old and highly respected families of this part of the county.

Four children have been born to the subject and wife, named as follows: Relna Ray married Miss Edna Bell, and they have one child, Marguerite; Rowena; Opal and Otia are twins.

WILLIAM PENN.

Eighty-five years have dissolved in the mists of time, the most remarkable epoch in all the history of the race of mankind, since the venerable and honored William Penn, farmer of Middlebury township, Knox county, first saw the light of day. Heaven has bounteously lengthened out his life until he has seen the crowning glory of this, the most wonderful age in all the aeons of time, rewarding him with an unusual span of years as the result of virtuous and consistent living in his youth and years of his early manhood.

Now in the golden Indian summer of his life, surrounded by comfort and plenty as a result of his earlier years of industry and frugality, Mr. Penn can take a retrospective glance down the corridors of the relentless and irrevocable past and feel that his has been a useful, successful and happy life, a life which has not been devoid of obstacle and whose rose has held many a thorn; but with indomitable courage he pressed onward toward the distant goal; a life of sunshine and shadow, of victory and defeat, but nobly lived and worthily rewarded as such lives always are by the Giver of all that is good. He comes down to us from the pioneer days when customs, manners, the face of the country, the people, everything was different.

William Penn was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, April 8, 1826. He is the son of John and Mary (Chamblin) Penn. The paternal grandfather, William Penn, was a native of England, from which country he emigrated to America in a very early day and settled in Maryland, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. The maternal grandfather was a native of New England and he moved to Virginia in an early day.

John Penn, father of the subject, was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, within six miles of the city of Baltimore, in 1800, in which year the mother, Mary Chamblin, was also born, probably in Loudoun county, Virginia. When a young man the father moved to Virginia and located about a mile from Harper's Ferry, having first married and lived a while in Loudoun county. He was a cooper by trade, which he followed for a period of thirty years. In 1834 he moved to Ohio and located in Richland county, a mile north of Waterford, where he continued to follow his trade for ten or twelve years, finally turning his attention to farming, and became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres. Politically, he was a Democrat, but never aspired to public offices, living a quiet retired life. His family consisted of eleven children, of whom five are still living, William, of this review, being the second in order of birth. The father was a member of the Methodist church. His first wife, mother of the subject, dying on April 1, 1844, he subsequently married Anzy Dyer. His death occurred in May, 1879.

William Penn was educated in the district schools of his day, his opportunities being none too extensive, but he has since made up for this lack through miscellaneous home study and contact with the business world. When eight years old he accompanied his parents to Ohio and here grew to manhood. He learned the cooper's trade under his father and followed this in connection with farming. When a young man he cleared a great deal of timber, and the country being new he found plenty of hard work in develop-

ing the farm. He was married in 1853 to Ruth V. Clarke, a native of Knox county and the daughter of William and Abigal (Owen) Clarke, who came here in pioneer times from Vermont.

After his marriage the subject farmed exclusively and he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres and his wife owns eighty acres in Middlebury township. He has built his dwelling, his barn, in fact, has made all the modern improvements seen on the place today, and has kept it under a high state of cultivation, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a very successful manner. He has made a specialty of raising Percheron horses. He is now living retired, leaving the management of his place to his son and son-in-law.

In early life Mr. Penn was a Democrat and he helped elect three Democratic Presidents, but when the Republican party was organized he allied himself with this party, but for the past thirty years he has been a strong Prohibitionist, doing all in his power to further the work of the same in his community. For six years he served as justice of the peace and for an equal number of years was a notary public. As a public servant he always performed his duties most conscientiously and with eminent satisfaction to the people. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he having been a member since 1844 and she since 1854. Mrs. Penn, who is seventy-eight years old, is active and enjoys comparatively good health. The subject had three brothers in the Civil war, but he was not in the army.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Penn, namely: Chloe E. is the wife of John Whitney, and they have two children, William Milton Whitney, a graduate of the Ohio State University, law department, now practicing under the firm name of Skeal & Whitney, of Seattle, Washington; he was also graduated from Wesleyan Ohio University and was a soldier in the Spanish-American war. His brother, Carl C. Whitney, lives at Fredericktown, this county. William C. Penn, the subject's second child, married Mary Graham and they have one daughter, Edna, who is yet single. The subject has one great-grandchild.

JAMES E. GRAY, M. D.

The practice of medicine entails perhaps more trying situations than that of any other profession, and those who succeed in this line are deserving of the highest credit, for they must not only be well versed in the science,

but must possess personal qualities that win the confidence and respect of the public. A case in question is that of Dr. James E. Gray, of North Liberty, Knox county, one of the best known and most successful physicians of a locality long noted for the high order of its medical talent, for his reputation extends throughout the locality of which this history treats. The qualities that have made him eminent in his chosen vocation are proper intellectual training, thorough professional knowledge and a utilization of the various attributes essential to success.

Doctor Gray was born in Holmes county, Ohio, September 30, 1864. He is the son of George W. and Harriet J. (Quillan) Gray, the father born in Killbuck township, Holmes county, on March 8, 1837, and the mother was born in Harrison county, Ohio, February 8, 1844. The paternal grandparents were George and Mary Gray, who were natives of Maryland, the grandmother dying when young of an injury. George Gray came from Maryland to Holmes county, Ohio, and here became the owner of two farms, each of one hundred and sixty acres. The maternal grandparents, James and Elizabeth Quillan, were natives of Harrison county, this state, both born in 1818; his death occurred in 1907, while her death occurred in 1905.

The Doctor's father grew up in Holmes county, Ohio, and was educated in the district schools there and he has always lived in Mechanic township, that county, being still engaged in farming there, owning an excellent place. He is a plasterer by trade. He and his wife are members of the Free Methodist church.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gray, eight sons and three daughters, namely: Dr. James E., of this review, is the oldest; Mrs. Aurilla Leibensburger, of Oklahoma; Charles R. is living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Mrs. Alverna Ryan and Mrs. Fannie Heddin also live at Cuyahoga Falls; Walter C. lives on a farm in Killbuck township, Holmes county, Ohio; Clyde is a plasterer, living at Akron, Ohio; Noble lives at Enid, Oklahoma; Chloe is living in Cuyahoga Falls; Floyd and Don are the youngest of the family.

Dr. James E. Gray first attended Gray's Ridge district school in Mechanic township, Holmes county, Ohio, then attended the high school at Millersburg. Then he taught school for a period of fifteen years in the district schools near his home, having begun to teach when only seventeen years old. He met with success as a teacher and his services were in great demand in the rural schools of Holmes county. During the last few years of his teaching he did the preliminary work for a medical course, studying under Doctor Quittard at Killbuck, Ohio. He then took a two years' course at the Starling Medi-

cal College at Columbus, Ohio, then spent two years at the Illinois Medical College at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1898, having made an excellent record for scholarship. He then practiced for one year in Chicago with a specialist in gynechology, then located at Danville, Knox county, Ohio, remaining there two and one-half years, then in February, 1901, he came to North Liberty, where he has continued in the successful practice of his profession to the present time, building up an extensive and ever growing practice, covering a wide range of territory. He has taken a very high rank among his compeers in this part of Ohio, in the medical fraternity, and, having ever been a student, he has kept well abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession.

Doctor Gray and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and liberal supporters of the same. Fraternally, he is a member of the Maccabees. He belongs to the county and state medical associations, taking much interest in each.

The Doctor's domestic life began on July 28, 1889, when he was united in marriage with Estella Gray, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, near Glenmont, on June 11, 1867. She is the daughter of Henry B. and Rachael Gray, the father a farmer near Glenmont. He and his wife were natives of northern Pennsylvania.

Five children have been born to Doctor and Mrs. Gray, namely: Sylvia, born June 24, 1890; Walter H., born September 11, 1892; Dow, born December 3, 1893; Frances, born April 3, 1895; James, born December 5, 1897.

HARRY C. YOUNG.

One of Butler township's most progressive farmers and stock men is Harry C. Young, not that he farms on as extensive a scale as some of his neighbors, but he is not surpassed when it comes to scientific methods, thus he reaps fitting rewards for his toil from year to year, and he is a man of such correct habits of everyday life that he has always enjoyed the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Young was born in Newcastle township, Coshocton county, Ohio, August 24, 1880. He received a common school education and was reared on the home farm. He began life for himself by working on rented land, which he continued to do for several years, then in 1907, he bought a farm of one hundred and twelve acres in Butler township, Knox county, upon which he

moved in the fall of that year and here he has since resided, adding valuable improvements to his place from year to year and while yet young becoming very well established. Politically, he is independent and he and his wife belong to the Baptist church. Fraternally, he is a member of the Grange and the Maccabees.

Mr. Young was married on February 12, 1903, to Ennis Sheldon, a native of Coshocton county, born May 27, 1881, and the daughter of Peter and Florence (Holt) Sheldon, both natives of that county, and each representatives of pioneer families there. To Mr. and Mrs. Young two children have been born, namely: One that died in infancy and Ralph Donald.

Peter Sheldon was born in 1855 and his wife, Florence Holt, was born in 1859. Six children were born to them, namely: Harvey, deceased; Ennis, Lena, deceased; Walker, Lottie and Roy.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Young were William and Hester (Smith) Sheldon, natives of Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Workman) Holt, were also natives of Pennsylvania. Mary Holt, the great-grandmother, lived to be about ninety-three years of age.

The death of Peter Sheldon, mentioned above, occurred in 1897, and Mrs. Sheldon re-married, her second husband being W. P. Root, and two sons were born to them, Marion and Burgess. She and her second husband are both living at this writing.

Harry C. Young is the son of Barney and Elenora (Fry) Young. The paternal grandparents, Barnhart and Barbara (Frey) Young, were born in Germany and probably came to America while yet single and located in Coshocton county, Ohio. Mr. Young was a distiller, but he devoted his attention principally to farming after coming to America, becoming the owner of one hundred and twenty acres. He had a large family, several of whom died young. These parents spent the rest of their lives in that county. The maternal grandparents, Peter and Elenora (Branstool) Fry, also lived in Coshocton county, whither he had come when a young man from Germany and took up farming, becoming an extensive land owner, holding about one thousand acres in Coshocton county. There he reared his family and he and wife both died there.

The father of the subject was born in Coshocton county in 1854 and the mother was born there on March 24, 1860, and there they were reared and married. He took up farming and threshing and became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres. His family consisted of four children, namely: Harry C., of this sketch; Nelvin, Gladys and Clyde.

Politically, Mr. Young was a Democrat, but he never sought office.

He lived a quiet home life. He was a member of the German Evangelical church. His death occurred on April 11, 1910. His widow survives, living on the home place in Coshocton county.

FRED L. SINGREY, M. D.

Proper intellectual discipline, thorough professional knowledge and the possession and utilization of the qualities and attributes essential to success have made Dr. Fred L. Singrey, of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, eminent in his chosen calling while yet a young man, and he stands today among the scholarly and enterprising physicians and surgeons in a community long distinguished for the high order of its medical talent.

Doctor Singrey was born November 5, 1876, in Perry township, Morrow county, Ohio, and he is the son of David and Charlotte (Boner) Singrey, who became well established there, for the father was a physician and was prominent in Morrow county for many years. His death occurred in 1895 and his widow now makes her home with her son, Fred L., of this review.

Doctor Singrey was educated in the country schools of Morrow county, later attended the high school at Johnsville, Ohio, in his native county, graduating from that institution with the class of 1892, after which he taught school two years in Richland county, but not finding the work of teaching entirely to his liking and having long entertained a laudable ambition to take up the study of medicine he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, in 1895, made a splendid record and was graduated from that institution on April 14, 1898, being president of a class of one hundred and two. In May, 1898, he located at Amity, Pike township, Knox county, for the practice of his profession and remained there for eight years, during which he enjoyed a very extensive and lucrative practice, but seeking a wider field for the exercise of his talents, he came to Mt. Vernon in the fall of 1906, opened an office and has remained here to the present time, having been successful from the start, his reputation having preceded him.

Doctor Singrey was married May 19, 1906, to Mina Belle Mix, daughter of John and Anna (Blue) Mix, substantial farmers of Brown township, Knox county. This union has resulted in the birth of a daughter, Sylva G. Singrey.

Politically, the Doctor is a Democrat and in 1900 he was elected coroner of Knox county and served one term very satisfactorily. He has

never been very active in politics or an office seeker. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he affiliates with the same.

Doctor Singrey is a man of robust constitution and imposing presence, a genial and companionable gentleman with a faculty of making friends easily and he has won a wide circle of friends since locating in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Singrey is an intelligent and cultured lady who takes a delight in home life and their pleasant dwelling at No. 115 East Chestnut street shows that it is managed with rare taste and industry, and she is popular with the best social circles of the community. The Doctor has kept well abreast of the times in his profession, and his office, both for general practice and surgery, is modern and thoroughly equipped with every instrument and appliance for speedy and successful work, and he ranks high among his professional brethren as well as the general public.

WILLIAM CALVIN LONEY.

In this rushing, workaday age we have little time, it seems, for anything outside of our chosen vocations and avocations, but yet we cannot well help observing the conditions of life around us, and there is little that interests one more than to observe how differently men begin and continue the duties of life. Some commence in hesitation and seem to hesitate at every obstacle they encounter. Others begin boldly, but after a time show, by some defect in execution, that they have not properly mastered their tasks. Still others commence with steady grasp of the situation, and show by their subsequent accomplishments that they have compassed the problem of life. To the last class success always comes and they are the men to leave behind them good names and large properties honorably won in life's struggle. Their descendants are left to reap the harvests of good actions.

Among such active and enterprising people of Knox county are the Loneys, of whom William Calvin Loney, of Pike township, is a very worthy representative. He was born in this township on August 17, 1886, and he is the son of John Alva and Sylvia (Hibbitts) Loney. The paternal grandparents, John Calvin and Mary (Ridenour) Loney, were well known here in the pioneer epoch, he having been born in Pike township, this county, and she in Hagerstown, Maryland. She came here very early with her parents and here grew to womanhood and was married, she and her husband still living here.

being now advanced in years. The maternal grandparents, William and Arvilla (Brown) Hibbitts, were also early residents of Knox county. She was born in New York in 1830 and when a mere child came to Ohio and was reared in Knox county. Mr. Hibbitts came to this county when a young man. He was a soldier in the Civil war, a private in the Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he was killed in battle in 1864. He was a cabinet-maker and undertaker by trade. His family consisted of three children, two of whom are living.

The parents of the subject were both natives of Knox county and here they grew to maturity, received their schooling in the common schools and were married. The father started life as a traveling salesman when only sixteen years of age and he is still on the road, being one of the best known and most successful commercial travelers in this part of the country. He is now past fifty years of age. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally a member of the Maccabees. His wife belongs to the Methodist church. They are the parents of three children, James Earl, William Calvin, of this sketch, and Royal Dwight.

William C. Loney was educated in the public schools of Pike township and when twenty-three years of age he entered the mercantile business, buying out a stock, and he has continued this business to the present time, meeting with much success all along, building up a large and growing trade, now carrying a stock valued at about thirty-five hundred dollars. He has a neat, well arranged and attractive store, and always carries a large, up-to-date and carefully selected stock of goods, and his hundreds of patrons are always treated with every courtesy and consideration and the fact that many of them have been his constant patrons since he first began business is evidence that they have received just treatment. His trade extends over a large radius of territory. He carries a general line of merchandise at all seasons. Politically, Mr. Loney is a Republican, but he finds little time from his large business affairs to take any part in public matters. He takes an abiding interest in whatever tends to promote the welfare of the community and, personally, is an obliging, genial and industrious gentleman whose character has ever been above reproach.

Mr. Loney was married on August 17, 1909, to Sylvia L. Gray, a native of Holmes county, Ohio, and the daughter of Dr. James E. Gray, who for ten years has practiced medicine in this locality. One daughter has been born to the subject and wife, namely: Sylvia Marguerite.

For a fuller ancestry of the subject of this review, the reader is referred to the sketch of John Calvin Loney, appearing on another page of this work.

JOHN CALVIN LONEY.

We are carried back to the pioneer days when we contemplate the life history of John Calvin Loney, one of the honored citizens of Pike township, who needs no introduction to our readers, for he has spent his long and useful life in this locality, taking no little part nor mere passing interest in the transformation of the same. One could not spend an hour better, if one is interested in the history of the early days here, than to listen to his interesting and instructive reminiscences, for he has always been a keen observer and has therefore seen and noted things as they are and he has an excellent memory, so that, covering a period of over three score years, we may look through an inverted horoscope, as it were, as the events of those decades troop before us in review. He has not only led a life of industry, but one of honor, keeping singularly free from all besmirching agents the bright escutcheon of the family name, and therefore those who know him best are glad to honor him now that the twilight of age is gathering around.

Mr. Loney was born in Pike township, this county, on January 29, 1835. He is the son of John and Eliza (Kirkpatrick) Loney. The paternal grandparents, John Loney and wife, were natives of Harrison county, Ohio, their parents having been early settlers there from Virginia. They came to Knox county in a very early day and the grandmother was killed here by being thrown from a horse. Both are buried in this county. The grandfather of the subject was a shoemaker by trade, and he had saved six hundred dollars with which he established himself here, having spent the first winter near Mt. Vernon and entered land from the government for himself, his father-in-law and children.

The maternal grandparents of the subject, Hugh and Ann (Morrow) Kirkpatrick, were natives of Harper county, Maryland, his birth having occurred on June 1, 1772, and her birth occurred on December 19, 1793. They came to Ohio in the early pioneer days and located first in Harrison county, then in Knox county, where they entered government land, which they developed into a farm on which they spent the balance of their lives.

John Loney, father of the subject, was born March 12, 1805, in Harrison county, Ohio, and his wife, Eliza Kirkpatrick, was born in the same county on November 1, 1804, and there they grew to maturity and were married on October 1, 1829. The father devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church. Their family consisted of six children, two of whom are living at this writing, namely: John Calvin, of this review, and Mrs. Margaret Ann

Ridenour. John Loney, the father of the subject, came to Knox county prior to his marriage, entered land in Pike township, then returned to Harrison county and there married, after which he came back to Knox county and established his home, becoming one of the large landowners here, owning five or six hundred acres, and he was one of the substantial and influential men of his day. His death occurred on October 5, 1891, at an advanced age, his wife having preceded him to the grave on November 3, 1868. He was twice married, his last wife being Arvilla Hibbitts.

John C. Loney, of this review, was reared on the home farm where, when of proper age, he assisted with the general work, and he received his education in the common schools of his community. Early in life he took up farming for a livelihood and this has been his life work. He began by renting a farm in order to get a start, then purchased land, and prospering through close application and good management, he added to his holdings until he became owner of over six hundred acres, which he farmed on a large scale. He raised various grades of live stock, and, laying by a competency, he gave away his large landed interests to his children, now owning only thirty acres on the outskirts of the town of North Liberty, and is now living practically retired from all activities, enjoying a well-earned respite.

Politically, Mr. Loney is a Democrat, but he has always preferred to devote his attention to his family and business interests, leaving the cares of office to others. His wife is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Loney was married on December 13, 1855, to Mary Ridenour, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Bean) Ridenour, a highly respected old family of this county, having come here about 1852 from Hagerstown, Maryland. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Loney, named as follows: William Clarence, John Alva, Daniel W., Anna Alberta, Alice Belle, Bernice and Lizzie; two infants died unnamed.

Personally, Mr. Loney is a man whom to know is to respect and admire for his many estimable characteristics.

DESAULT B. KIRK.

The following is a brief sketch of the life of one who, by close application to business, has achieved marked success in the world's affairs and risen to an honorable position among the enterprising men of the city with which his interests are identified. It is a plain record, rendered remarkable by no

strange or mysterious adventure, no wonderful and lucky accident and no tragic situation. Mr. Kirk is one of those estimable characters whose integrity and strong personality must force them into an admirable notoriety which their modesty never seeks, who command the respect of their contemporaries and their posterity and leave the impress of their individuality upon the age in which they live. He is the scion of one of the worthiest and most prominent old families of this section of the Buckeye state, and his course has ever been such as to keep untarnished the bright escutcheon of the honored family name.

Desault B. Kirk, president of the New Knox National Bank and one of Mt. Vernon's prominent business men and loyal citizens, was born September 21, 1846, in this city, the son of Robert C. and Eleanor (Hogg) Kirk, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

The subject of this review attended the public schools of Mt. Vernon, and was later graduated from Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio, with the class of 1869. He then entered Howard Law School where he made a splendid record and from which he graduated with the class of 1872. Soon afterwards he located at Toledo, Ohio, for the practice of his profession, remaining there two years, being a member of the firm of Scribner, Hurd & Kirk. Returning to Mt. Vernon in 1875, he formed a partnership with Alfred R. McIntire under the firm name of McIntire & Kirk, which continued until 1882, in which year he practically gave up the practice of law and entered the firm of C. & G. Cooper & Company, one of the pioneer engine manufacturing concerns of the state. In 1905 the company incorporated under the name of the C. & G. Cooper Company, of which Mr. Kirk became treasurer, which position he still holds, and the large and rapidly growing business of this firm has been due in no small degree to his able management of his department and his judicious counsel.

In addition to his connection with this company, Mr. Kirk has various other interests of considerable magnitude. For years he has been connected with the Mt. Vernon Gas Company and is now its president and is managing its affairs in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of the stockholders. In 1877 he became connected with the Knox County National Bank as a director, this bank being the successor to the first bank established in Mt. Vernon. Before becoming a national bank under the congressional act authorizing national banks it was the Knox County State Bank, and at the expiration of its first charter as the Knox County National Bank under its new charter it became the New Knox National Bank, still bearing this title. Mr. Kirk later became vice-president of

the bank, and in 1907 became its president, which position he still holds and the duties of which he is discharging in an able and praiseworthy manner. It is perhaps as a banker that Mr. Kirk's talents are the most pronounced and in which he has performed a very extensive service to the people of this community, being able to foresee with remarkable accuracy the outcome of present situations and transactions, and at all times conservative and painstaking, keeping fully abreast of the modern methods of banking. He has long wielded a potent influence in the financial circles in this locality. Mr. Kirk also has valuable city properties and other real estate holdings. He has been very successful in whatever he has turned his attention to, and as a lawyer he was rapidly winning his laurels and becoming recognized as one of the painstaking, energetic and able advocates of the local bar, and no doubt had he continued in the legal profession he would have become one of the eminent attorneys of this section of the state.

Mr. Kirk was married on May 20, 1873, to Mae C. Cooper, a lady of talent and culture, and the daughter of Charles and Isabella (Weaver) Cooper, a very prominent Mt. Vernon family and very actively connected with its industrial development and growth for many years. Four children have blessed this union, namely: Isabella married Benjamin Ames, of Mt. Vernon; Eleanor H. married John G. Ames, who is a professor in the Illinois College at Jacksonville, Illinois; Robert C. married and is in business in Los Angeles, California; Charles C. is married and is in business in Chicago.

Mr. Kirk proved his patriotism by enlisting in defense of the National Union during the Civil war for the one-hundred-day service in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he very faithfully served his term of enlistment during the closing months of the struggle. He has always been a Republican of the "stand pat" order, and while he has never found time to take as active a part as he would like to or cared to seek the honors of public office, he has kept well informed on current issues and has always readily supported such measures as had for their object the general advancement of his city, county and state as well as the nation. He is a member of the Masonic order, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He belongs to the Joe Hooker Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his family are members of the Episcopal church, of which he has been vestryman for a period of thirty-five years and senior warden for many years. He has long been active and prominent in church and benevolent work.

"Elmwood," the beautiful, commodious home of the Kirks, is a most delightful spot and has long been the center of much of the social life of the community.

Personally, Mr. Kirk is a very pleasant, genteel gentleman, kind, affable and straightforward in all his business transactions, honest and unassuming, consequently he is popular with a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

L. C. STILLWELL.

L. C. Stillwell, of Mt. Vernon, occupies a conspicuous place among the leading professional men of Knox county and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His record demonstrates that where there is a will there is a way and that obstacles to success may be overcome by courage and self-reliance. His career has been a very active and strenuous one and has been fraught with much good to his fellow men and his example is cordially commended to the youth of the land whose life work is yet a matter for future years to determine, for his record forcibly illustrates what a life of energy can accomplish when one's plans are wisely laid and one's actions governed by right principles, noble aims and high ideals.

L. C. Stillwell was born at Waterford, this county, February 4, 1868, and he is the son of Francis Marion and Catherine (Schell) Stillwell. The mother was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and when a small child came to this section of Ohio; her father was of French and her mother of German blood. Francis M. Stillwell was born in Perry township, Morrow county, Ohio, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His mother was well educated in German. She and her husband now live a retired life on a small farm near Marengo, Morrow county, Ohio, having devoted their lives to agricultural pursuits. The father is of a very long lived family. He is the son of Joseph and the grandson of Obediah and Sarah Stillwell, who came from Bedford, Pennsylvania, to Knox county, Ohio, in a very early day, when a few cabins constituted the present city of Mt. Vernon. At that time Joseph Stillwell was about ten years old. They made the long trip in old-fashioned wagons and the woods was so dense and roads so few that they were compelled to cut their way through the forests a greater part of the way. They began life in typical pioneer fashion, entering one hundred and sixty acres from the government, which they cleared and developed into a good farm, near Waterford, now called Leverings, and there the old folks spent the balance of their lives. Sarah Stillwell reached the remarkable age of one hundred three years, six months and nineteen days. She was very hale and active in her old age and possessed all her faculties until she reached her one hundred and

second birthday. A brother of Obediah was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and captain of a Virginia company.

L. C. Stillwell, of this review, lived on a farm until he was about eighteen years of age, assisting with the general work about the place and attending the common schools during the winter months at Waterford and later at Mt. Vernon, after which he read law with W. M. Koons, of the latter place. He then entered a law school at Cleveland, where he made a splendid record and from which institution he was graduated and he was admitted to the bar in June, 1891, to practice in the Ohio state courts. He was admitted to practice in the United States courts in October, 1894. Thus well equipped for his chosen vocation, he began practice at Fredericktown, Ohio, in 1891, and there he was not only successful in the practice of law, but he also soon became prominent in public affairs. He served two terms as mayor of Fredericktown, and after that he was city solicitor of Fredericktown for some time. In the fall of 1903 he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Knox county and held the office three years. In the spring of 1904 he moved to Mt. Vernon and took up his residence in East High street, and has since been engaged in the general practice of law; his popularity having preceded him, he has been successful from the first and now enjoys a large and ever growing clientele. He keeps fully abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his profession and is painstaking, accurate, ever vigilant of his client's interests and in the trial of cases he has no superiors at the local bar.

Mr. Stillwell has been identified with a number of corporations of Mt. Vernon. He is local counsel for the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, general counsel for the Upham Gas Company in the states of Ohio, Indiana and Virginia. He is also general counsel for the Knox County Glass Company of Mt. Vernon, the Zeig Manufacturing Company, the Levering Brothers Mill & Elevating Company, also a number of other companies and institutions, making corporation practice a specialty and as a corporation lawyer he has no superiors and few equals in this part of the United States, his able work in this connection having attracted wide attention from time to time and bringing his name conspicuously before the general public.

Politically, Mr. Stillwell is a Republican and he is an Episcopalian in religious belief. He has always been loyal to his party and as a public servant acquitted himself in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of his constituents and the general public.

On November 21, 1891, Mr. Stillwell was united in marriage with Gertrude Blair, a lady of talent and culture, who was born and reared at Lexing-

ton, Ohio, but her ancestors were old residents of Mt. Vernon. Her great-grandfather, James Martin, donated the grounds of the original tract of land for the present cemetery of Mt. Vernon. He married Mary Warden, a member of one of the earliest pioneer families of Mt. Vernon. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and he is buried in the cemetery for which he gave the land. James Blair, father of Mrs. Stillwell, was a soldier in the Civil war in an Ohio regiment. He now resides at Lexington, this state. He married Amanda King, brother of D. L. King, who served two years in the Civil war.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell have been born one son and two daughters: Wendell, born November 20, 1893; Mandeline, born January 1, 1895; Ruth R., born June 28, 1896.

Fraternally, Mr. Stillwell is a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family attend the Episcopal church of Mt. Vernon.

Personally, Mr. Stillwell is a gentleman of pleasing address, genial, obliging and a good mixer. By virtue of the offices and positions with the public and large corporations we must conclude that he holds a high position of honor and trust among his fellow countrymen else he would not have been called upon to fill such places, which usually go to men of sound moral and business principles.

COL. WILLIAM C. COOPER.

William C. Cooper, among the eminent lawyers, brave soldiers and congressmen from Ohio, was one of Knox county's honored sons. He came of good old American-born ancestors on his father's side and of sturdy Scotch-Irish on the maternal side. He was the son of Thompson Cooper and the grandson of Daniel Cooper, both of whom were natives of Butler county, Pennsylvania, and who settled in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in 1806. Daniel Cooper entered the army in the war of 1812, holding the rank of captain. Thompson Cooper, the subject's father, came here when a mere boy, hence was reared among the scenes of true pioneer life in the wilds of this county. He served during his useful life as a justice of the peace for thirty and more years and was mayor of Mt. Vernon eight years.

Col. William C. Cooper, of whom this more especially treats, received a public school education and attended the Mt. Vernon Academy. It was early

in life that he had an ambition to become a lawyer and commenced the study of law with Joseph W. Vance and James Smith, Jr. He was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-two years and soon formed a law partnership with his preceptor, Mr. Vance, this relation continuing until the death of Mr. Vance, who was killed in battle during the Civil war. The law firm closed its office and both entered the Union army, Mr. Vance as colonel and in command of his regiment when killed. Mr. Cooper was among the first to enlist in defense of his country's flag, becoming a first lieutenant in Company B, Fourth Ohio Infantry. He re-enlisted in 1864 and returned as colonel of the One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, with which he participated in the great Petersburg campaign.

At the conclusion of his second term Mr. Cooper returned home and resumed the practice of law. He became a member of the firm of Cooper, Porter & Mitchell. His diligence and faithfulness toward his clients was noted as exceptional. He was in every way a thorough lawyer—an honor to the bar of Ohio and Knox county.

Politically, Colonel Cooper was a Republican; he seldom asked for an office, but was ever ready to aid the party of his choice and his council was frequently sought by those high up in office. Prior to the Civil war he had held the office of prosecuting attorney for four years. In 1860 he was elected mayor of Mt. Vernon, serving two consecutive terms. In 1871 he was chosen to represent his district in the Legislature and at the close of his term declined the position again. He was six years president of the board of education at Mt. Vernon and five years advocate-general of the state of Ohio. These are the only civil offices held by him until he was elected to the forty-ninth Congress in 1884. He was elected again in 1886 and 1888. As a debater on the floor and as a wise counselor in the various committee rooms, he was exceptionally strong and popular, being not only able, but very useful, just at that time in the halls of Congress. During his first term the bill providing for the order of succession in the office of President was passed and he was a member of the committee in charge of the bill. His argument along this line was masterly and logical. He was also influential on the committees on elections, on territories, on banking and on currency. He managed several campaigns as chairman of the Republican state central committee and was the representative of the Republican party in Ohio in the national committee from 1876 to 1884, during the period of the greatest contention in the party, and was a delegate to the national conventions in 1872 and 1880.

In January, 1864, Colonel Cooper was married to Eliza Russell, daughter of pioneer Dr. John W. Russell, a physician of more than ordinary skill,

who for sixty years practiced medicine in Mt. Vernon. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper.

Colonel Cooper's army relations naturally brought him in close touch with the Grand Army of the Republic after the end of the civil strife and he twice represented his state in the national encampment of this soldier fraternity. His citizenship was ever characterized by unswerving loyalty to the best interests of city, county, state and nation, and by mastery of every subject upon which his actions could have direct or indirect bearing; socially, he was most popular and he knew how to win and hold friendship. Professionally, he was most talented and prominent, his comprehensive understanding of the principles of jurisprudence, combined with his logic and power of argument, rendering him one of the most able members of the Ohio bar. Such is the record of one who for more than seventy years was an honored citizen of Mt. Vernon.

On August 29, 1902, as the autumn of that year was just being ushered in, his soul took its flight from earth and his remains are buried in Mound View cemetery, Mt. Vernon, which city had always been his home. His family monument marks the resting place of a man who had always performed every known duty to his fellow man, and been loyal to the country in which he lived and labored so many years.

FRANK CARTER LARIMORE, M. D.

There is no class to whom greater gratitude is due from the world at large than the self-sacrificing, sympathetic, noble-minded men whose life work is the alleviation of suffering and the ministering of comfort to the afflicted to the end that the span of human existence may be lengthened and a great degree of satisfaction enjoyed during the remainder of their earthly sojourn. There is no standard by which their beneficent influence can be measured; their helpfulness is limited only by the extent of their knowledge and skill, while their power goes hand in hand with the wonderful laws of nature that spring from the very source of life itself. Among the physicians and surgeons of Knox county who have risen to eminence in their chosen field of endeavor is Dr. Frank Carter Larimore, of Mt. Vernon, whose career has been that of a broad-minded, conscientious worker in the sphere to which his life and energies have been devoted and whose profound knowledge of his profession has won for him a leading place among the most distinguished medical men of his day and generation in this section of the Buckeye state.

Doctor Larimore was born on April 12, 1846, on North High street, Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Robert and Susan A. (Dodridge) Larimore. The father, a native of Hampshire county, Virginia, emigrated to Ohio in the early days and he was a contractor engaged in the construction of the Ohio canal. Later he superintended the stone quarries from which the stone was taken for the construction of the present state house at Columbus. He was later superintendent of the Woodbridge estate, manufacturers of charcoal, pig iron and other industries in southern Ohio. His death occurred in Chillicothe, this state, in 1856. His wife was the daughter of Joseph Dodridge, of Wellsburg, West Virginia, who was an Episcopalian minister and who supplied the first Episcopalian church west of the Alleghany mountains. He was graduated from Rush Medical College at Philadelphia and his diploma bears the signature of Dr. Benjamin Rush, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The mother of the subject died in Mt. Vernon. These parents were each married three times. The subject was one of four children, two of whom are now living, the other being Mrs. Lucy Wells Campbell, of San Francisco.

Doctor Larimore was the son of poor parents and after his father's death he was entrusted to the care of an uncle, Thomas Larimore, and his son, Capt. Henry Larimore, of near Lock, Knox county, both of whom were very solicitous of the subject's welfare and gave him every opportunity. He attended the country schools and worked on the farm, receiving the best of training and discipline under the gentlemen mentioned above. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served very faithfully in the Western army, being wounded at Pittsburg Landing, April 7, 1862, in the knee and both hands by a cannon ball, which at the same time wounded William Barrible and William Philo, the former dying by the side of Mr. Larimore in a hospital bed at Mound City, Illinois. William Philo is still living, being a prominent business man at Akron, Ohio. As soon as he was able, the subject returned home and in time recovered from his wounds and again enlisted, becoming fifth sergeant of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving four months under General Butler on the Appomattox river, fourteen miles from Richmond. He was, according to his comrades, a very gallant soldier and never shirked his duty, however hazardous.

After the war young Larimore returned to Ohio and attended the public schools at Utica and he taught school in his home district for two winters. His uncle decided that the subject would not make a good farmer on account of his wounds and insisted that he take up the study of medicine, which he ac-

cordingly did in the office of Drs. Matthew Thompson and Smith on March 20, 1865, in Mt. Vernon. He took his first course of lectures at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1866 and 1867. After the death of Dr. Matthew Thompson, on June 19, 1867, the subject became a student under Dr. John W. Russell, Sr., remaining in his office one year. He attended his last course of lectures at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, from which he was graduated on March 29, 1869. Thus exceptionally well equipped for his life work, he began practicing medicine and surgery in June, 1869, and the same year he became a member of the Knox County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society. In June, 1872, he joined the American Medical Association at its annual session in Philadelphia and sailed for Europe a few days later to make a study of hospital conditions of that country. He remained abroad one year, taking a six-months post-graduate course of instruction at Vienna, in order to further equip himself for his work. Returning to America in June, 1873, he resumed practice in Mt. Vernon and here he has since remained as a general practitioner and surgeon, making a specialty of surgery and winning a wide reputation for his skill and uniform success in both, enjoying a large and ever growing patronage and taking a very high rank among his professional brethren throughout the state who recognize him as having few peers and no superiors. He has always been a student and has kept well abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession. A new incentive to excel in surgery was brought about by attending lectures and operations of Dr. Joseph Lister, the father of aseptic surgery, in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1872. He has met with remarkable success in this line.

Doctor Larimore has been a member of every local and district organization in this section and has been honored by the highest positions in each of them. In 1896 he was elected president of the Ohio State Medical Society, and he presided with rare ability at the annual meeting held in Cleveland in May, 1897. He was the first to practice the new surgery in this section and the first to use the hypodermic syringe and to use cocaine as a local anesthetic. The Doctor is a writer of no mean ability on medical subjects and he has been a frequent contributor to medical journals on various subjects of medicine and surgery, and he enjoys the well deserved distinction of having performed more surgical operations than any surgeon, dead or living, in Knox county.

Doctor Larimore was married on December 30, 1875, to Mary Frances Odbert, daughter of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Hughes) Odbert, a prominent Mt. Vernon family, their daughter being well educated and a lady of

culture and refinement. This union has been graced by the birth of three daughters, namely: Elizabeth, who married William H. McKinley, of Cambridge, Pennsylvania; Mary is deceased; Harriet is at home.

In his political relations Doctor Larimore has always been loyal to the Republican party and active and influential in public matters. He has been a member of the United States pension examining board ever since its creation in 1884; he has served as a member of the Mt. Vernon board of education and as city councilman. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order and is also a member of Joe Hooker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Union Veteran Legion. He and his family are members of the Baptist church and have always been active in church and Sunday school work and actively identified with the interests of the church. The Doctor was for years superintendent of the Sunday school. He has an attractive, commodious and modernly furnished home at No. 206 North Main street, which is a favorite gathering place for the many friends of the family which has long been prominent in the social life of the community.

Doctor Larimore built the first apartment house in the city in 1895 at the southwest corner of Main and Chestnut streets, where his well equipped and tasty offices are maintained. In 1904 he redeemed one of the most forbidding sites in Mt. Vernon by the erection of a modern, up-to-date building, the Union block. He has always been alert to the city's best interest and has supported all movements having as their object the general improvement of the city and community. He is the owner of much valuable city property.

In the years 1907 and 1908 the hold of Doctor Larimore on life was frail and precarious, a serious ailment attacking him which necessitated three severe abdominal operations, the last one, performed on August 4, 1908, proving successful and completely restoring him to health.

The Doctor has traveled extensively both in Europe and the United States, and, being a keep observer, with well developed perceptive faculties, he has been greatly benefited in this manner, and is an intelligent talker on any topic, an obliging, genial, charitable and cultured gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

ROBERT C. KIRK.

Although Robert C. Kirk has long been sleeping the sleep of the just, he is still remembered by most of the citizens of Knox county who knew him "in life's morning march when the bosom is young" and who were influenced by him to make the most of life and the opportunities that came to them, for

he is described as a man of many sterling qualities of head and heart, honest, energetic, kind, noble and patriotic. He gained a conspicuous position in public life and, having ably performed his tasks, became one of the distinguished men of the Buckeye state of a past generation.

Mr. Kirk was born February 26, 1821, at Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson county, Ohio. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania. His father, Eli Kirk, was a farmer and his death occurred in 1838, the mother surviving until she reached the age of eighty-two years.

Robert C. Kirk attended the district schools and later the Ohio University at Athens. Upon leaving college he entered the office of Dr. William Hamilton at Mt. Pleasant to study medicine and later he attended the medical department of the old university at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated, whereupon he went to Fulton county, Illinois, where he began the practice of his profession. In 1843 he returned to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and abandoned medicine for the mercantile life. In the spring of 1844 he engaged in the dry goods business in Mt. Vernon with T. W. Rogers, which partnership continued until the death of Mr. Rogers. He then formed a partnership in the same business with his father-in-law, John Hogg, which continued until 1853, when the firm sold out. In 1857 he went to Winona, Minnesota, and engaged in the real estate business with his brother, returning to Mt. Vernon in 1858, which remained his residence until his death. He had been very successful both as a physician and as a merchant and proved himself to be a strong, energetic and capable man of affairs.

Mr. Kirk was always a stanch Republican in politics and always active in party affairs and a man of strong character and convictions. In 1856 he was elected to the Ohio state Senate and served one term with distinction to himself and with satisfaction to his constituents. In 1859 he was elected lieutenant-governor of Ohio, and in 1862 President Lincoln appointed him minister to the Argentine republic and during his residence at Buenos Ayres he successfully settled all the old claims due American citizens, amounting to over four hundred thousand dollars. These claims originated in 1814 and were abandoned by former ministers. Over nineteen thousand dollars was sent from Buenos Ayres to Mr. Bellows, president of the United States Sanitary Commission, for the benefit of our soldiers during the Civil war, during Mr. Kirk's residence there as minister. After a most praiseworthy tenure of office there for four years, he resigned in 1866 and returned to Mt. Vernon, Ohio. In 1869 he was appointed by President Grant to the same position, which he held until 1871, when he again resigned and in January, 1872, he returned to his home in Mt. Vernon. In February, 1875, he received from

President Grant the appointment of internal revenue collector for the thirteenth Ohio district, of which Knox county was a part. This office he held with his usual success until there was a consolidation by Congress of revenue districts and the office was removed to Columbus, Ohio.

On December 11, 1843, Mr. Kirk was united in marriage with Eleanor Hogg, daughter of James Hogg and wife, one of the prominent early families of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. This union resulted in the birth of four children: John E., the eldest son, served through the Civil war in the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and he died at Mt. Vernon in January, 1873, at the age of twenty-nine years; Desault B., a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Plempton and William H. were twins.

In public affairs Mr. Kirk took a deep interest, was always fully abreast of the times in current issues, well informed, profoundly educated, a keen observer and a man of dauntless courage. He unquestionably possessed the qualities which typify the gentleman and because of his many commendable attributes and his exemplary life he was one of the best known and most highly esteemed men of his day and generation in this section of Ohio and he numbered his friends by the scores wherever he was known, many of whom were the leading men of the nation.

ANDREW D. WELKER, M. D.

In his chosen field of endeavor Dr. Andrew D. Welker, of Gambier, Knox county, Ohio, has achieved success such as few attain, and his present standing among the leading medical men of this section of the Buckeye state is duly recognized and appreciated, not only in his own city and county, but also throughout this locality. In addition to his long and creditable career in one of the most useful and exacting of professions, he has also proven an honorable member of the body politic; rising in the confidence and esteem of the public, he has filled worthily high and important trusts and in every relations of life has never fallen below the dignity of true manhood nor in any way resorted to methods and wiles that invite criticism or censure. As a citizen he easily ranks with the most influential of his vicinity where he has long been a power. His course has ever been above suspicion and those favored with an intimate acquaintance with him are profuse in their praise of his many virtues and upright character.

Doctor Welker was born on October 22, 1847, in Howard township, Knox county. He is the son of William Elliott Welker and Rachael (Dur-

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bin) Welker. Abraham Welker, the great-grandfather, came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, to Howard township, Knox county, Ohio, in the latter years of the eighteenth century when this country was a wilderness and the home of the Indian and wild beast, probably about 1790, when there were only a few settlers in the county. He settled on the edge of what was known as the Indian field, containing about forty acres of cleared land. Even the Indians knew nothing of when or by whom it had been cleared. Here the family settled, developed a farm and became identified in the settlement of the new country. Paul Welker, the subject's grandfather, was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was in the Hull surrender at Detroit, an important event in that war. In private life he was a farmer and fond of hunting, spending much of his time in the woods with dog and gun. His brother, Andrew Welker, was also a soldier in the war of 1812. They were in the command of Col. Lewis Cass, prominent in the history of that period.

William Elliott Welker, father of the subject, was a farmer and owned a good farm in Howard township, this county, where he lived and died. He also teamed for some time for a merchant of Kinderhook, now called Howard. He was a man of industry and exemplary character. The Durbins were also an early pioneer family. Benjamin Durbin, the great-grandfather, came with his family from Maryland and engaged in milling in College township. Grandfather Samuel Durbin was also a farmer and miller. The family of William E. Welker and wife was composed of three sons and one daughter, namely: Andrew D., of this review; Sarah E. is deceased; Lewis G. lives in Mt. Vernon; Alexander E. is a practicing physician in the West. The father, William E. Welker, died on December 25, 1891, and his widow died in January, 1905. He was a Republican in politics and was always interested in public affairs.

The son, Andrew D., of this sketch, grew up on the home farm and engaged in the general farm work. He attended the country district schools and later a select school at Millwood. Later on he taught school for three years. He began his medical studies under Dr. D. S. Coleman, Dr. William T. McMahon and Dr. Robert Moffett, of Millwood. He spent the winters of 1870, 1871 and 1872 in the Louisville Medical College at Louisville, Kentucky, receiving his degree in the spring of the latter year, having made a good record for scholarship there. When General Morgan was in Congress from the Mt. Vernon district he furnished the subject a scholarship in the college mentioned above. Doctor Welker came to Gambier, Ohio, after his graduation and here began the practice of his profession and here he has since remained, having enjoyed a liberal and ever growing practice with the entire

community, ranking high among the leaders of a community noted for the excellency of its professional talent. He has been very successful as a general practitioner and has kept well abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his profession, having ever been a profound student of medical science.

Doctor Welker has been twice married, first in 1870 to Louisa White, daughter of Anthony and Kizzian (Wade) White, a prominent family of Howard township, Mr. White having been a large landowner and an influential citizen. His death occurred in 1868.

To Dr. and Mrs. Welker two children were born, Minnie, deceased, and Sarah E., who is at home. The wife and mother died in August, 1875. The Doctor's second marriage took place in May, 1878, to Frances E. Colwill, daughter of Simon and Ann (Heard) Colwill, who came from England in 1835 and settled near Gambier, Knox county, Ohio. To this second union one son was born, Vincent B., who lives in Gambier.

Doctor Welker is a member of the County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the National Medical Association, and he has always taken much interest in these societies. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Gambier board of education and is at this writing president of that body. He has served in the town council and as health officer for a number of years. He is the owner of a fine farm near Howard, which joins the old Indian field. Here is carried on, under his general supervision, general farming and stock raising. His place consists of one hundred and eighty acres, well improved and well kept. Besides this excellent farm he has a modern and attractive home in Gambier. The Doctor belongs to the Catholic church.

Doctor Welker started in life a poor boy and he entered his profession with nothing but courage and character of a high order, and with this determination to win he has succeeded not only in his profession, but he has acquired an ample competency for his declining years, at the same time winning the confidence and esteem of a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

WALTER B. JOHNSON.

There are individuals in nearly every community who, by reason of pronounced ability and force of character, rise above the heads of the masses and command the unbounded esteem of their fellow men. Characterized by

perseverance and a directing spirit, two virtues that never fail, such men always make their presence felt and the vigor of their strong personalities serves as a stimulus and incentive to the young and rising generation. To this energetic and enterprising class Walter B. Johnson, the present popular and efficient postmaster at Fredericktown, Knox county, very properly belongs. Having never been seized with the roaming desires that have led many of our young men to other fields of endeavor and other states, where they have sought their fortunes, Mr. Johnson has devoted his life to industries at home and has met with a fair measure of success all along the line, as we shall see by a study of his life history. By his advocacy of wholesome living, purity in politics and honesty in business, he has long enjoyed the undivided respect and esteem of all who know him, being regarded as a worthy citizen and representative of a sterling old pioneer family.

Mr. Johnson was born on March 2, 1855, in Fredericktown. He is the son of James and Margaretta (Glime) Johnson, the father having been born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on a farm near the birthplace of James G. Blaine. Mrs. Johnson was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. The grandparents, on both sides of the house, came to Ohio in an early day, locating first in Guernsey county, and there the parents of the subject were married. The first years of their married life were spent at Wheeling, where Mr. Johnson was engaged in the mercantile business; later they moved to Claysville, Guernsey county, this state, and there Mr. Johnson continued the mercantile business until 1853, when he moved to Fredericktown, Knox county, and here the father of the subject continued merchandising until 1871, when he moved with his family to Waterloo, Indiana, and there opened a store, which he continued to conduct until 1881, in which year he moved back to Fredericktown, and here he lived retired until his death, on November 25, 1891. He had been very successful as a merchant and enjoyed a good trade in all the places that he conducted a store, always gaining the confidence of the people and doing business on an honest basis. The death of his wife occurred on April 25, 1891. They are buried in Forest cemetery at Fredericktown. The father was a life-long Republican and always took an active interest in public affairs. He and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian church, he being an elder in the same for many years and active in church and Sunday school work.

Walter B. Johnson was educated in the public schools of Fredericktown, and while in school assisted his father in his business as much as possible, and he clerked in his store during the time that the family lived in Waterloo, Indiana, and for a time he was on the road as a traveling salesman. When the

family returned to Fredericktown, the subject and his brother, Jesse G., formed a partnership with Cyrus Hosack, under the firm name of Johnson Brothers & Company, and engaged in the dry goods business. This firm continued from 1882 to 1888, when the firm dissolved and discontinued business, after six years of continuous success. Mr. Johnson then engaged in the general life insurance business, principally with the Equitable of New York, in which he continued until November 15, 1897, having built up a large patronage. In that year he was appointed postmaster at Fredericktown by President McKinley, and he has continued to discharge the duties of this office to the present time with a fidelity to duty that has won the hearty commendation of the department and the people and in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself. At that time this was a fourth-class office, but about fourteen months later it was advanced to the third class. In this class there are ten grades of offices according to their receipts, and Fredericktown is now in the eighth grade of the fourth-class offices, coming very near the point of advancement to a second-class office. When Mr. Johnson was appointed postmaster there were no rural route deliveries. Now there are seven from the Fredericktown office. The first route established in Knox county was secured through the efforts of Mr. Johnson. This route was operated out of Fredericktown and it was also the second route in the fourteenth Ohio congressional district. This route covers territory about sixteen miles in diameter and has brought a large amount of business to the Fredericktown office, the business here now requiring ten postal employes in connection with the handling of mail. There were only two when Mr. Johnson assumed charge of the local office.

When the subject's father came to Fredericktown he purchased property from the grandparents of Hon. Frank Hitchcock, now postmaster-general, and the grandparents of the latter are buried in Forest cemetery here.

Mr. Johnson has always been a Republican in politics and has long been active in party affairs. Prior to his appointment as postmaster, he was a member of the Republican county central committee and for some time he was a member of the Republican county executive committee, and a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He served four years in the town council and was also justice of the peace for one term and he is now secretary of the Forest Cemetery Association and he has been a member of the cemetery board for over twenty years. In all positions of public trust he has performed his duties most faithfully and conscientiously, always to the satisfaction of the public.

Mr. Johnson was married on August 24, 1899, to Julia C. Castner, daughter of Samuel J. and Mary A. (McFarland) Castner. The father was born in Philadelphia. Grandfather Jacob Castner at one time owned the land now comprising the campus of Bryn Mawr College. Samuel J. Castner came to Fredericktown in 1867 from Woodbury, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and he was engaged in the harness business, but before coming to this state followed farming in connection with the harness business. He was a Republican in politics and served in the Pennsylvania Legislature and was justice of the peace for a period of thirty-seven years in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. He was of the Quaker faith and was a prominent man in his community. His death occurred in May, 1908, and his wife died in March, 1910. They are both buried in Forest cemetery, Fredericktown.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic order and he and his wife belong to the auxiliary Order of the Eastern Star. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member of the official board and has been for several years. He is active in church and Sunday school work. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the women's organizations of the church and active in the work of the same.

PATRICK A. BERRY.

Characterized by breadth of wisdom and strong individuality, the achievements of Patrick A. Berry, judge of the probate court of Knox county, but represent the utilization of innate talents in directing efforts along lines in which mature judgment, rare discrimination and a resourcefulness that hesitates at no opposing circumstances, pave the way and ultimately lead to worthy achievements. It is not the intention of the biographer in this connection to give a detailed history of his busy, influential and interesting life, but rather to note, incidentally, his connection with various phases of the development of this locality, his marked achievement at the bar and his laudable work as a jurist, and to show the marked influence he has wielded in advancing the general good of Mt. Vernon and vicinity.

Judge Berry was born on December 23, 1869, in Howard township, Knox county, Ohio, and he is the son of a sterling old pioneer family, John and Mary Ann (Critchfield) Berry. The father was born in St. Clairsville, Belmont county, and the mother in Knox county, Ohio. The elder Berry was a successful farmer. He was active in the affairs of his locality and filled

various township offices, being loyal to the principles of the Democratic party. He was influential and highly respected by all who knew him, being a man of strong characteristics and uprightness. His death occurred in February, 1903, his widow surviving until in January, 1908.

The son, Patrick A. Berry, spent his youth on the farm, assisting with the general duties about the place and attended the rural schools, later entered Bethany College at Bethany, West Virginia, completing his course in 1890. He then entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he made a splendid record and from which he was graduated in 1892, when only twenty-three years of age. While in college he was a member of the collegiate fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, and the law fraternity, Phi Delta Phi. After his graduation he located at Atlanta, Georgia, for the practice of his profession and he remained in that city nearly five years, enjoying a very liberal practice from the first, but failing health compelled him to give up the same. While in Atlanta he was active in the affairs of the political party with which he affiliated, and he was associated with Hon. Hoke Smith and other notables of that section. Upon leaving Atlanta he returned to his father's home and assumed the management of the farm with a view of regaining his health. In this he was successful and again entered the arena of public life. In the fall of 1899 he was elected from Knox county as a member of the seventy-fourth Ohio General Assembly, in which he made such a commendable record that his constituents gladly re-elected him to the seventy-fifth General Assembly. During his service of two terms he served as a member of various important committees and made his influence felt for the good of Knox county and the state in general, performing every duty in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and justifying the wisdom of his election. In 1900 he resumed the practice of law in Mt. Vernon, being associated with Judge Frank O. Levering. In the fall of 1905 he was elected probate judge of Knox county and re-elected in 1908 by a majority of nineteen hundred and forty-two, the largest majority ever given a candidate on the county ticket for any office, which is certainly criterion enough of his popularity with the people of this locality, and he is now serving his scond term as probate judge in an eminently satisfactory manner. He has kept well abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his profession and is in every way well qualified to discharge the duties of this important office, his decisions showing a clear and comprehensive understanding of all phases of jurisprudence and are always characterized by fairness and lack of bias. As an attorney he stands in the front rank of the Knox county bar, both as counsel and in the trial of cases,

and he has always enjoyed a large clientele. From early youth he has been active in the affairs of the Democratic party and from almost the time of attaining his majority he has been a member of the Democratic county committee with the exception of the years when absent from the state. For several years he has ably served in the capacity of chairman of the executive committee and he is universally recognized as a most successful campaign manager, better known to the voters of the county than any other man in the county.

Fraternally, the Judge belongs to the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in all of which he takes a great deal of interest.

The domestic life of Judge Berry began on August 17, 1899, when he married Elizabeth Kirk Cameron, daughter of Robert M. and Rachael (Mayers) Cameron, the father being a prominent merchant at Millersburg, Ohio. Both parents are living. Mrs. Berry was educated in her home city and Bethany College and is a lady of culture. This union has been without issue.

Judge Berry and wife are members of the Christian church, in which he is a deacon and a member of the Adelphian Class of Loyal Men, a Bible class of state-wide significance, for men of all denominations and of large membership. Both he and his wife are active in church and Sunday school work. The family home is at No. 125 East Vine street, where their many friends delight to gather.

FRANKLIN HARPER.

Examples that impress force of character on all who study them are worthy of record. By a few general observations may be conveyed some idea of the high standing of Franklin Harper, one of the best known newspaper men of this section of the Buckeye state. The many elements that are united in his makeup, such as persistency, energy, application, integrity and fortitude, during a series of years have brought him into prominence and earned for him a conspicuous place in Knox county's list of enterprising men.

Mr. Harper was born in Mt. Vernon on April 18, 1858, and he is the son of Hon. Lecky and Eliza Ann (Mercer) Harper, the father born in county Donegal, Ireland, December 29, 1815, and he came to America with his parents, Hugh and Catherine (Long) Harper, in 1820. The father was an architect and was employed on government work in Washington, D. C.

In a little more than a year, Hugh Harper contracted malarial fever from the swamps that then surrounded Washington, and died. The widow was left with four small children, and soon after the death of her husband she undertook the trip over the mountains to friends and relatives in the West in the locality of Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, and there she reared and educated her family in a most creditable manner, being a woman of Spartan courage. The son, Lecky, father of the subject, as a lad entered a newspaper office at Steubenville, Ohio, to learn the printer's trade and the newspaper business, which line of work he followed with much success all his life. He also took up the law, studying in the office of Metcalf & Loomis in Pittsburg, and in 1843 he went to Cadiz, where he edited the *Cadiz Sentinel* and practiced law. Taking up his residence in Pittsburg, he was one of the founders of the *Pennsylvanian Advocate* and was also connected with the *Post* of that city, one of the early daily papers of the Smoky city. Early in his career he became recognized as a writer of great force and for his positive views on public questions in general. While connected with the Pittsburg papers he was pronounced in his support of the ten-hour-a-day law for employes in shops and factories. The custom then prevailing in factories was to work all employes, including girls and children, from twelve to fourteen hours. As a result of the agitation in which Mr. Harper was foremost, the ten-hour day was established in Pennsylvania. Mr. Harper also did the legislative work at Columbus for the *Ohio Statesman* under Samuel Medill. In 1840 he edited the *Crawford Democrat* at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and made the paper a great force in that memorable campaign. With a thorough knowledge of the printer's trade, with a knowledge of the law and with his varied newspaper experience, he came to Mt. Vernon in 1853 and bought the *Mt. Vernon Democratic Banner*, which soon became widely known for its forceful editorials, and this paper he successfully conducted until his death, on June 18, 1895. He became prominent in the newspaper organization of the state, and for years he was president of the Ohio Editorial Association and was also president of the Ohio Democratic Editorial Association. His counsel in party matters was sought and in all these associations he was recognized as a pillar of strength. He also represented the Mt. Vernon district in the Ohio Senate in 1879 and served effectively upon important committees, winning the hearty approval of his constituents and reflecting much credit upon his ability.

The marriage of Hon. Lecky Harper and Eliza Ann Mercer, the latter of Washington county, Pennsylvania, occurred in September, 1844, she being the descendant of Gen. Hugh Mercer, of Revolutionary fame. Mrs. Harper was a woman of many estimable traits; her death occurred in July, 1897.

Frank Harper learned the printing business in his father's office and was educated in the Mt. Vernon public schools, being graduated with the class of 1877. He read law in the office of Col. W. C. Cooper, of Mt. Vernon, and was admitted to the bar in 1879. In 1880 he opened an office for practice and was getting a good start in the legal world, when, in 1882, came an opportunity to enter the newspaper business at Chillicothe. He had grown up in the business and the taste was inherent, so he went to Chillicothe and became a partner of George F. Hunter in the publication of the *Chillicothe Advertiser*. Upon the death of his father, in 1895, he sold his interests in the Chillicothe paper and returned to Mt. Vernon in November, 1895, and formed a partnership with his brother, William M. Harper, in the publication of the *Banner*, which partnership was terminated in June, 1896, by the retirement of the latter. The *Banner* had been published as a semi-weekly until June 20, 1898, when Mr. Harper began the publication of a daily and semi-weekly edition, which has since been continued, the *Banner* being universally recognized as one of the strongest, brightest and most influential papers in central Ohio. Having learned the newspaper business from the ground up, Mr. Turner is well qualified to successfully manage the same. He is a clear and concise writer, and in discerning the various questions of the day is a keen, though courteous, antagonist, and his influence has brought him into favorable notice with the leaders of his party in this section of the state. In a business sense the *Banner* has brought liberal financial returns upon the capital invested, and, as already indicated, has proved a series of successes since the first number of the daily appeared as a claimant for public patronage. Its circulation is constantly increasing, as an advertising medium its importance is becoming generally recognized and its mechanical appearance is all that could be desired.

Fraternally, Mr. Harper is a member of the Masonic bodies and is a member of the board of trustees of the Masonic Temple Company and was president of the company in 1908-9. In politics he is an unswerving Democrat and is prominent in party councils, but he has never been an office seeker or office holder, but he and his paper are always back of party principles and candidates and the influence he wields in the cause of Democracy is very strong, especially during campaigns. He was a member of the Democratic state central and executive committees several times. He was vice-chairman of the Democratic state central committee in 1904 and chairman of the same body in 1905 and he was delegate from the fourteenth Ohio district to the Democratic national convention in 1896.

Mr. Harper was married on June 5, 1890, to Bertha Hanby, a lady of many estimable qualities of head and heart and the daughter of an excellent Chillicothe family. This union has been graced by the birth of two sons, Donald and Kenneth; the elder is a student of Kenyon College at Gambier and the younger is a student in the Mt. Vernon high school. The subject and his family are members of the St. Paul Episcopal church, Mr. Harper having been a member of the vestry for a number of years.

HON. GEORGE D. NEAL.

The strong, earnest men of a people are always public benefactors. Their usefulness in the immediate specific labors they perform can be defined by metes and bounds, but the good they do through the forces they put in motion and through the inspiration of their presence and example is immeasurably an infinite gauge or standard of value. George D. Neal, one of the most conspicuous public and business men of the section of the Buckeye state of which this history treats, is a man of this type. Although well known and highly esteemed, he is conservative and prefers to let his achievements speak for him rather than any notice savoring of adulation or fulsome praise of the chronicler. Every life, however, if properly known, contains more or less of interest, and the public claims a certain property right in the career of every citizen, regardless of his achievements or the station he has attained. In placing before the reader the brief review which follows, due deference is accorded the wishes of Mr. Neal in this respect and we omit too complimentary allusions, at the same time realizing that the latter have been honorably earned and should form no small part of a life sketch which is sought to render nothing but what justice and meritorious recognition demand.

Mr. Neal was born on September 2, 1844, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and he is the son of Hugh and Ruth (Jackson) Neal. The Neals came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, to this section when Hugh Neal was a lad, and the Jackson family came from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, the daughter, Ruth, having been born on the farm in Milford township, Knox county, after the family came to Ohio. The father of the subject was engaged in the harness business in Mt. Vernon for a number of years, later being elected sheriff of Knox county, which office he held for many years. Politically, he was a Democrat and was prominent in public affairs, being public-spirited,

and he supported all movements looking to the general good of the public. Prior to his term as sheriff he was elected coroner of the county. His death occurred in September, 1854, his wife preceding him to the grave by six weeks, having died in July the same year. They were the parents of three children: Ruth M., who married Liberty L. Cotton, of Mt. Vernon, died in December, 1910; George D., of this sketch; and Hugh, a resident of Mt. Vernon. Both parents are buried in Mound View cemetery, Mt. Vernon.

George D. Neal has always lived in Mt. Vernon and he was educated in the public schools here. When a very young man he found employment in the wholesale grocery of Jonathan Weaver, of this city, where he remained for three years, then the Civil war came on and he could not remain inactive at his country's call, so early in the struggle he enlisted in the Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private in Company A, but being merely a boy he only served a short time, returning to his position in Mr. Weaver's store. When Gen. Kirby Smith threatened Cincinnati and other Northern cities, Mr. Neal again went to the front with the famous "Squirrel Hunters" to stop the intrepid Southerner's progress, later enlisting in Company B, of the One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was transferred to Company F of the same regiment, in which he served with distinction until the same was mustered out at Camp Chase, having taken part in many important engagements and proving himself to be a faithful soldier, always present at the call of duty.

After returning from the army Mr. Neal engaged in the manufacture of carriages in Mt. Vernon, which he conducted for a number of years with much success. Following his retirement from the carriage business he devoted his attention to hardware, which he has handled for some time in connection with his carriage business. In 1887 he purchased the James Rogers hardware store, which he conducted with his usual success until 1894, having enjoyed a liberal trade with the city and county and always carried a large and well selected stock of general hardware and farming implements.

Mr. Neal has always been a loyal Democrat and has been active and influential in party affairs for many years. In 1890 he was elected sergeant-at-arms of the sixty-ninth Ohio General Assembly, and in 1893 he was appointed doorkeeper of the fifty-second United States Congress at Washington. In 1902 he was his party's choice for congressman from the fourteenth Ohio district and was accordingly nominated and made a strong and praiseworthy race. The district was normally six thousand Republican, but Mr. Neal cut that majority down to less than three thousand, which attests his

popularity with the people. He has served as Democratic committeeman and adviser and as a delegate to county, district and state conventions, in all of which he has made his influence felt for the good of his district and the party. After returning from Washington as doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, Mr. Neal organized the Mt. Vernon Paint and Oil Company, incorporated under the laws of Ohio with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, and he is president and general manager of the company, the business of which he has conducted in a manner as to reflect much credit upon his ability and integrity and to the eminent satisfaction of the stockholders. He is also interested in the gas and oil development of this section of Ohio.

Mr. Neal is a member of the Masonic order, having attained the thirty-second degree in that time-honored body, and he is a Knight Templar. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he belongs to the Joe Hooker Post No. 21, Grand Army of the Republic. He has filled most of the offices in this organization and has passed all the chairs in the Odd Fellows lodge.

In the fall of 1869 Mr. Neal was married to Harriet Laughrey, daughter of Kinsman and Catherine (DeHart) Laughrey, of Martinsburg, Knox county, Ohio. To the subject and wife one daughter has been born, Catherine Ruth, who married David Kinley, dean of the University of Illinois at Champaign, Illinois, he being a very prominent educator, so recognized by leading college men throughout the United States.

With his various business and public duties, Mr. Neal found time to read law in the office of William C. Cooper, of Mt. Vernon, but, although well qualified, he has never practiced at the bar. In religious matters he affiliates with the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Neal is a member.

At one time Mr. Neal was extensively engaged in the real estate business, operating in various parts of Ohio and acquiring large holdings in Mexico. For a number of years he was president of the Knox County Agricultural Society, being active in promoting better farming conditions. He is vice-president of the Ohio Squirrel Hunters, comprising the survivors of the noted military organization of that name with which he was connected during the Civil war. The family home, a place noted for its hospitality and good cheer, is located at No. 120 East Vine street and is one of the modern, commodious and imposing homes of this city and located in one of the most desirable residence districts. Personally, Mr. Neal is a well informed, broad-minded, progressive, genial and obliging gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know.

CHARLES A. MITCHELL.

The old-fashioned notion that hard work, patient industry and far-sightedness make for success in the various avenues of life does not seem to be accepted so unreservedly in our day. The spread of pessimism engendered by many phases of our complex life is in a great measure responsible for the lack of faith in the old idea. However, if we observe conditions closely we will find that the intelligent individual, who leads a practical and industrious life, will reach a point of success commensurate with his efforts. The life of Charles A. Mitchell, ex-mayor of Mt. Vernon, will afford us an instance of this.

Mr. Mitchell was born June 1, 1868, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, being the representative of one of Knox county's honored old families. He is the son of John A. and Malissa (Jackson) Mitchell, who were both born, reared, educated, married and spent their entire lives in this community. Sylvester Mitchell, the great-grandfather, came to Ohio from Salem, Massachusetts, in 1808 and first settled near Granville, Licking county, soon afterwards moving to Milford township, Knox county, and the land on which he located still remains in the Mitchell family. The old pioneer had made the long journey from Massachusetts on horseback, bringing all the earthly goods of the family in that manner, in a saddle-bag. Grandfather Albert Mitchell was only three years of age at that time. This country was then a vast forest through which roamed red men and various kinds of wild game. He built a cabin and began clearing the site for the splendid farm which he later developed. He was the possessor of many commendable qualities, stood for good citizenship and right living and he took a leading part in the affairs of his community. John Allen Mitchell, father of the subject, was a stonemason by trade, and he spent all of his active life in Mt. Vernon, with the exception of the years spent in the army during the Civil war, having enlisted in the Union army in April, 1861, in the Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in response to President Lincoln's call for seventy-five thousand troops. At the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted in Company H, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. For meritorious service he was promoted to the rank of captain of his company. He saw hard service, being continuously in the Army of the Potomac. He participated in both the first and second battles of Bull Run, Chancellorsville and many others. On the first day of the battle of Gettysburg he was taken prisoner and was sent to Libby prison, where he had a long term of confinement, remaining there until the spring of 1865,

not being released until after Lee's surrender. Prior to that battle he had also seen the inside of Confederate prisons in various parts of the South, having been taken prisoner long before the great conflict in Pennsylvania. He had many thrilling experiences. He is described by his comrades as a valiant soldier, always at his post, and he leaves an enviable war record. After his career in the army he returned to Mt. Vernon and resumed his trade as brick-mason. His death occurred on May 6, 1892. He was a man of positive character and strong in his likes and dislikes, and he had many warm friends throughout the county.

Charles A. Mitchell, of this review, has spent practically all his life in Mt. Vernon and he was educated in the public schools here. When eighteen years of age, in April, 1887, he secured employment as brakeman with the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad, and he remained with this company until August, 1899, giving them high grade service, being advanced through the different stages until he became a conductor of freight. He suffered from a severe attack of rheumatism for several years, at times being compelled to use crutches, and one leg being seriously and permanently affected he is still compelled to use one crutch. In May, 1903, he entered the office of the auditor of Knox county as deputy auditor, which position he filled most satisfactorily until October, 1906, when he was appointed auditor to fill an unexpired term.

Mr. Mitchell has always been an active Republican in politics and in the fall of 1908 he was the party's candidate for county auditor, but, Knox county being Democratic, he was defeated. He has always been prominent and active in the councils of the party and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. In November, 1909, he was elected mayor of Mt. Vernon and his term expired January 1, 1912. His administration proved to be most satisfactory to all concerned, irrespective of party alignment, and he is doing much for the permanent good of the vicinity.

Fraternally, Mr. Mitchell is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 140, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Mitchell was married on June 30, 1897, to Lucy Clark, daughter of John and Sarah (Johnson) Clark, of Mt. Vernon. This union has been without issue. The family home is at No. 111 East Front street, which property has been the Mitchell home for more than fifty years. Mr. Mitchell is fearless and outspoken when he knows he is right, a man of positive ideas, integrity and force of character, and as a public servant is faithful and conscientious, and is proving to be one of the most popular mayors the city of Mt. Vernon has ever had.

WILLIAM NOAH CARPENTER.

It is the pride of the citizens of this country that there is no limit to which natural ability, industry and honesty may not aspire. A boy born in ignorance and poverty and reared under the most adverse surroundings may nevertheless break from his fetters and rise to the highest station in the land. Accordingly it is found that very often in this country the president, governor and other high public officials possess no higher ability than thousands of other citizens. They have simply taken better advantage of their circumstances than their fellows. And this truth runs through every occupation. The farmer who rises above his fellow farmers does so by taking advantage of conditions which others overlook or fail to grasp. William Noah Carpenter, of Pleasant township, Knox county, and his progenitors have always identified themselves, for the most part, with agricultural pursuits, and they have been very successful in this line of endeavor.

Mr. Carpenter was born on August 5, 1876, on a farm in Clay township, Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of Thomas H. and Martha (Dudgeon) Carpenter, the mother a native of this county and the father of Greene county, Pennsylvania. Grandfather Charles Carpenter came with his family to Clay township from Pennsylvania in 1850 and here engaged in farming. His son, Thomas H., father of the subject, devoted his life to farming. In 1880 he left Clay township and became a resident of Pleasant township, owning a farm six miles south of Mt. Vernon, and there he engaged in general farming and stock raising, having one of the choice farms in that community. He made a specialty of handling sheep. Politically, he was a Democrat, but he was never an office seeker. His death occurred on August 13, 1890. His widow still survives. They were the parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: William Noah, of this review; James Austin, born May 18, 1878, is farming in Wayne township, Knox county; Jannetta R., who married Edward P. Warman, lives in Mt. Vernon.

William N. Carpenter spent his youth on the home farm and was educated in the district schools. He began carpentering when about twenty-two years of age and this has been his principal life work ever since, though he has engaged a great deal in farming. He is a very skilled workman and his services have always been in great demand. He does a great deal of contracting, and has built many of the substantial buildings over the county, having won a reputation for reliability and thoroughness. He supervises his mother's farm and is thus a very busy man in his various lines of endeavor.

Mr. Carpenter was married on March 16, 1898, to Clara J. Warman, daughter of Alfred and Matilda (McKibben) Warman, farmers of Pleasant township, where Mrs. Carpenter was born, reared and educated and where she has always lived. Her father was born in England, from which country he emigrated to America when twelve years of age, in 1850, and settled in Pleasant township, this county, though he remained in Mt. Vernon a short time before moving to the farm. The mother of Mrs. Carpenter died in January, 1904. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, two sons and four daughters, namely: Edith P., Robert Carl, Agnes G., Martha M., Ada L. and Charles T.

Politically, Mr. Carpenter is independent and, while he always exercises the right of citizenship at the polls and in advancing such measures as make for the good of his community and county, he has never been an office seeker, though he has served as township trustee since November, 1909. He is a member of Pleasant Grange No. 677, Patrons of Husbandry, and has been active in the same for some time. He and his wife belong to the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees, and he was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school there and teacher in the same. He is at present superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian church Sunday school, and is very active in church and Sunday school work.

REV. ALBERT B. WILLIAMS.

Most men have numerous friends, but generally men are so constituted and environed that they also make some enemies, but one of the exceptions to this general rule was he for whom the following memoir is written—the late, lamented Elder Albert B. Williams, of the Christian church. Indeed, his was a noble manhood, made almost perfect by the Christian religion that he had professed and practiced since a lad of twelve summers.

The subject was a native of Holmes county, Ohio, born April 4, 1847, and passed from earth's shining circle on the afternoon of Friday, September 8, 1911, just as the autumn leaves were beginning to put on their tints of yellow and all nature seemed at rest. From these dates it will be observed that Mr. Williams was in his sixty-fifth year at the time of his death. He was one of a family of nine children born to Stephen R. and Jane (Hague) Williams, both of Holmes county, Ohio. Three brothers passed on before him, but the father, aged ninety-five, the saintly mother, ninety years of age,

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with three sisters, Mrs. Nancy Everhard, of Wooster, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Burkett, of Bethany, Nebraska; Mrs. J. T. H. Steward, of Kilbuck, Ohio, two brothers, M. V. Williams, of Winfield, Kansas, and Olus C. Williams, of Wooster, Ohio, and his own immediate family all survive him.

At the age of twelve years Albert B. Williams was converted to the Christian religion and united with the Disciples or Church of Christ, which church he lived to adorn and honor throughout a useful ministry. In 1875 he graduated from Bethany College, West Virginia, and was soon ordained to preach, becoming pastor of the church at Wadsworth, Ohio. In 1893 he became pastor of the Church of Christ at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, serving until April, 1900, when on account of failing health he was compelled to resign. During those seven years of faithful work as pastor of this church, known as the Vine Street church, he accomplished much good as a true-hearted worker in his Master's vineyard. He was a practical man—a practical church worker. He ever sought to make men better and, by his daily walk and conversation, set an example worthy of emulation. During that period Elder Williams added two hundred and eighty persons to this church, besides one hundred and thirty to outside churches in Knox county. He also paid off a heavy indebtedness for the church, and united fifty-three couples in marriage; also attended sixty funerals of which he had charge and preached the sermons for. During the last ten years of his life he preached for various churches, within Knox county mostly. He was also interested in a local insurance agency, having his office in Mt. Vernon and which was occupying his attention when he was taken ill for the last time.

Mr. Williams was twice married. First, on December 26, 1876, he was united to Sarah Margaret Harper, a teacher in the public schools of Millersburg, Ohio, who preceded him to their future home May 12, 1890. On August 4, 1892, he was married to his second companion, Camilla Marsh. To Mr. Williams were born three children: Ila B. Williams, now a teacher in the public schools in Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Olus V. Williams and Mrs. W. P. Whittington.

Mr. Williams died at his residence on McKinzie street, and his funeral was held at the Church of Christ, the following Sabbath. The services were conducted by the pastor, Doctor Francis, assisted by Rev. W. E. Hull of the Episcopal church. The large assemblage of people and the remarks made by the ministers all bespoke the greatness of the deceased as a faithful Christian worker, as a true citizen and as a loving father and husband. His death was mourned throughout the entire county, and more than once has the writer of this notice heard the remark, "Elder Williams had no enemies."

Universally respected, his work finished, the summons came to enter a higher sphere and his remains are now at rest in beautiful Mound View cemetery in Mt. Vernon. Of such pure, even tempered lives the world has none too many to point to as examples.

JOHN L. McKINLEY.

The name McKinley is destined to occupy an honored place in American history as long as time endures, in view of the fact that it has been emblazoned on the scroll of fame by the great martyred statesman and late beloved President. It will remain forever a monument of the grand possibilities which may be realized under the benign influence of our free institutions and will continue in the future, as it has been in the past, a stimulus to noble deeds and greater activities on the part of a young man of intelligence and energy upon whom fortune casts no benignant smiles. John L. McKinley, of this review, is not famed as a leader of men or the molder of public thought, as was the great man referred to above, but he is nevertheless a man of more than ordinary mettle and has performed his duty well in his sphere of action during a long, varied and most interesting career, and his life may be just as useful and worthy of reward as a result of duty well and conscientiously performed in the arena in which fate placed him as that of the most renowned name of which his generation can boast, for a man's worth lies, after all, in being true to one's self, honorable in his relations with his fellow men and loyal in his support of public institutions; this, in brief, is a summary of the admirable attributes of the gentleman to whom the following paragraphs are addressed.

Mr. McKinley was born on February 25, 1848, in Illinois. He is the son of John J. and Elizabeth (Atkins) McKinley, the father born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Kentucky. They both went to Illinois when young people and were married there and made that state their home until the breaking out of the Civil war, when the father enlisted in the Federal army. After the war he moved to Missouri, and later to Kansas. He devoted his life to farming and his death occurred on October 24, 1886, at his home in Cass county, Missouri. Mrs. Elizabeth McKinley, mother of the subject, is still living, making her home in Kansas City.

John L. McKinley, of this sketch, lived on the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, and he attended the country district schools in Illinois.

On October 1, 1863, he enlisted in Company E, Seventeenth Regiment Illinois Cavalry, and served very faithfully until November 14, 1865, in the Army of the Cumberland and the western army. He saw much active and hard service and participated in many hotly contested engagements. He was slightly wounded once when a picket courier near Centralia, Missouri. After the war he returned to Galena, Illinois, where he remained until March, 1866, then went to Iowa, thence to the Indian Territory and he drove a stage from Ottawa, Franklin county, Kansas, to Humbolt, Allen county, that state, on the old Santa Fe stage route. At the advent of the railroad the stage was discontinued and Mr. McKinley went to Baxter Springs, Kansas, and engaged to drive cattle, and he was a Kansas and Texas "cow boy" until 1872, later engaged in various occupations. He finally went to Independence, Kansas, where, on August 13, 1873, he was married to Barbara Workman, daughter of Amos and Lydia (DeWitt) Workman, a Knox county (Ohio) family, of near the town of Danville, where the parents lived and died, the daughter, wife of the subject, having gone to the Sunflower state on a visit when she met Mr. McKinley. To this union one child has been born, Clinton, who is married and is living in Liberty township. They also have an adopted daughter, Maude Wade McKinley.

After his marriage, Mr. McKinley lived in Independence, Kansas, variously employed. He operated the first steam threshing machine ever seen in Montgomery county, Kansas. In the fall of 1876 he came to Danville, Knox county, Ohio, and here engaged in farming until the spring of 1889 when he was appointed superintendent of the Knox county infirmary, in which capacity he served with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned until in February, 1909, a service of twenty years, which is certainly not only evidence of his fitness, but of his popularity in this county and a criterion of the confidence reposed in him by the people. He was at all times a competent and faithful public servant. Politically, he is a Republican and he has been active in party affairs. He served as a member of the Republican county central committee for four years and he has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions where he has always made his influence felt. He was a trustee of Howard township for four years prior to his connection with the infirmary. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to the Joe Hooker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and Danville Lodge No. 546, Free and Accepted Masons. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have a delightful country home just west of the village of Bangs, where genial hospitality is extended to their many friends.

He has a fine farm of seventy-six acres in fertile Dry Creek valley, and is well fixed in every respect. He is a man of broad views and thorough understanding of modern agricultural methods which he employed on the county farm with such pronounced success. He is a fine example of a self-educated, self-made man, and is deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished and the worthy, public-spirited citizen into which he has developed.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CLEMENTS.

Human life is made up of two elements, power and form, and the proportion must be invariably kept if we would have it sweet and sound. Each of these elements in excess makes a mischief as hurtful as would be its deficiency. Everything turns to excess; every good quality is noxious if unmixed, and to carry the danger to the edge of ruin nature causes each man's peculiarity to superabound. One speaking from the standpoint of a farmer would adduce the learned professions as examples of this teaching. They are nature's victims of expression. You study the artist, orator, poet or statesman and find their lives no more excellent than that of mechanics or farmers. While the farmer stands at the head of art as found in nature, the others get but glimpses of the delights of nature in its various elements and moods. A man who is in touch with the springs of life, who takes a delight in existence and is able to get the most out of his close association with Mother Nature is Christopher Columbus Clements, one of Monroe township's honored farmers and one of the venerable native sons of Knox county, his birth having occurred near Bangs in Liberty township seventy-one years ago on a farm. He is the son of Hezekiah and Serepta (Daley) Clements, both natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, from which they came to Knox county, Ohio, as young people. They were married here about 1843 and established themselves on a farm in Liberty township. Later, selling their farm there, they bought land in Monroe township, four miles northeast of Mt. Vernon, and there the father spent the remainder of his life. He was a farmer and a man of prominence in his community. The mother of the subject died when he was two years old, he being the youngest of six children, namely: William, George, Elizabeth, Lorenzo D., John W., and the subject. The only two now living are Lorenzo D. and Christopher C. The father, Hezekiah Clements, was a Democrat, but never an office seeker. He was sixty-five years of age when he died.

Christopher C. Clements was reared on the home farm and there he worked hard when a boy. He received such education as the county provided in the old log school-houses. He remained at home until he was married, on July 7, 1864, to Margaret Popham, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Scowles) Popham, the father a prominent farmer and sheep raiser of this county.

To the subject and wife five children were born, namely: Oliver B. is farming in Monroe township; Charles H. is at home; Alberta B. married Frank Showers, of Fredericktown; and Luella, who married Earl McDermott, a farmer of Monroe township; one child died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Clements lived in Amity, this county, where he worked at his trade, blacksmithing, for a period of twenty-eight years, during which time he did a large business, being regarded as one of the most skilled and successful workmen in the county. Then he purchased a farm of one hundred acres on the Wooster road, four miles northeast of Mt. Vernon, and here he has since resided, engaged successfully in general farming and stock raising. He has a commodious and comfortable home and good outbuildings, and his farm is well kept in every respect.

The wife of the subject was called to her rest on September 26, 1892, and is buried in the cemetery at Ebenezer church, adjoining the farm of Mr. Clements.

Politically, the subject is a Democrat, but has never been an office seeker and has never held office He keeps well informed on public questions and tries to exercise the right of suffrage conscientiously and intelligently.

CASSIE BREECE.

One of the men who has stamped the impress of his strong individuality upon the minds of the people of Pleasant township and who has been content to spend his life in Knox county is Cassie Breece. Faithfulness to duty and a strict adherence to a fixed purpose, which always do more to advance a man's interest than wealth or advantageous circumstances, have been dominating factors in his life, which has been replete with honor and success worthily attained.

Mr. Breece was born on January 28, 1868, on a farm in Harrison township, this county. He is the son of Adam G. and Elizabeth (Biggs) Breece, the father born in Loudoun county, Virginia, on May 29, 1832, and he died

on May 20, 1904; the mother of the subject is still living. Adam G. Breece was four years old when, in 1836, his parents brought him to Ohio and here he was reared on a farm and he made farming his life occupation. He came to Knox county in 1855 and bought a farm in Harrison township and here he and Elizabeth Biggs were married in 1859, and made their home in Harrison township; however, the following year, 1860, they purchased a farm in Pleasant township, where the elder Breece remained until his death, having become very well established and developing a good farm, becoming in fact, a large land owner and an influential citizen. He raised stock extensively and fed large numbers from year to year.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adam G. Breece seven children were born, namely: Rosetta died on July 5, 1887; Almeda, who died August 9, 1911, married S. W. Henry, of Clay township; Joseph S. lives in Pleasant township; Levi Newton lives in Pleasant township; Cassie, of this sketch; Leora E. died June 6, 1897; Leander lives in Pleasant township.

Politically, the father of these children was a Democrat and he was always interested in public matters, but was never an office seeker. He was a member of the Universalist church. He was buried in the cemetery at Union Grove church, Harrison township.

Cassie Breece, of this sketch, spent his childhood and youth on the home farm where he now lives and he attended the Graham district schools. He began working on the farm as soon as he was old enough. He has kept the old place well cultivated so that it has retained its original fertility and modern improvements may be seen on it today as a result of his industry and close application.

Mr. Breece was married on February 22, 1890, to Fanny Ashburn, daughter of William and Eliza (Louderbaugh) Ashburn, who live on a farm in Harrison township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Breece, named as follows: Charles H., born September 27, 1891; Harry L., born June 11, 1894; and Ethel May, born August 20, 1902. Both sons are students in the Mt. Vernon high school at this writing and they are making a splendid record there.

After his marriage, Mr. Breece located on one of his father's farms five miles southeast of Mt. Vernon and there he remained until in October, 1906, when he moved to the old home farm one mile farther south, where he has since resided, and here he has been carrying on general farming in a manner not surpassed in skill by any of his neighbors. He has one hundred and twenty acres of fertile, well-improved and well-cultivated land on which is a never-failing spring, which furnishes abundant water to all parts of the

farm the year round. Much of his attention is directed to raising sheep, cattle, hogs and fine draft horses. He has a commodious home and substantial outbuildings.

Politically, Mr. Breece is a Democrat and is always active in political affairs. He has been a member of the Democratic county committee and judge of elections, and he has been a frequent delegate to county and district conventions. He has been school director of his district. He has never sought office or wanted it, but he has frequently been urged to accept various positions of trust within the gift of the people. He keeps well informed on all matters pertaining to general farming and stock raising and he carries out modern methods in all phases of his work with the result that he gets the largest returns from the minimum amount of labor and expense.

JAMES A. SIMPSON.

The gentleman whose name heads this review is one of the leading farmers in his community in Knox county, and this volume would be incomplete were there failure to make mention of him and the enterprise with which he has conducted his affairs, bringing to successful issue whatever he has turned his attention to through a life of successful endeavor along agricultural lines. Tireless energy and honesty of purpose are the chief characteristics of the man, and he stands today as one of the representative citizens of Clay township.

Mr. Simpson was born January 14, 1850, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Isaac A. and Mary Jane (Agnew) Simpson. In the spring of 1851 the family left Pennsylvania and came to Rumley township, Harrison county, near Jewett, Ohio, and in 1863 came to Clay township, Knox county, Ohio, locating on a farm one and one-half miles north of Martinsburg. Here Isaac Simpson prospered, becoming one of the substantial farmers, stock buyers and shippers of the community, and one of the influential men there. Politically, he was a Republican, and for some time he served as trustee and assessor of Clay township. He took a lively interest in public matters all his mature life. He was a man of fine character and enjoyed the good will of his neighbors and friends, who reposed in him explicit confidence, his word being as good as his bond. The death of Isaac Simpson occurred on January 12, 1889, his wife having preceded him to the grave many years, her death occurring in the spring of 1854. Mr.

Simpson was twice married, his last wife, Nancy A. King, being a native of Harrison county, Ohio, whom he married in 1855, and her death occurred on August 8, 1911. By his first marriage four children were born, namely: Josiah G. died April 20, 1879; Violet J. died September 7, 1895; James A., of this review; Mary O. married Peter W. Grieff, of Clay township. By the second marriage three children were born, namely: William H. died when three years old, in 1857; Alexander C., of Newark, Ohio; Samuel S. lives on the home farm with the subject of this sketch.

James A. Simpson grew up on the home farm and there early in his boyhood became acquainted with the general work about the place. He received his education in the country district schools.

On August 21, 1883, Samuel S. Simpson married Sarah E. Parrish, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Kidd) Parrish, of Clay township, the father being now deceased. To this marriage four children have been born, named as follows: Harry A. lives in Clay township; Estella J. is now the wife of Sherman Wooloson, of College township; Armeda P. is at home; James W. is assisting in the management of the home farm.

James A. Simpson has always been a farmer, and he has kept abreast of the twentieth-century methods of tilling the soil, ever ready to adopt the best and spare no pains in making his one of the choice farms of the county. It consists of two hundred and twenty acres of fertile, well improved and well cultivated land, and as a general farmer and stock raiser he is not surpassed by any of his neighbors. He raises well bred live stock.

Politically, Mr. Simpson is a Republican. He has served the people as township trustee and as a member of the school board. In his church life he belongs to the Presbyterian church and is a trustee in the same and a liberal supporter of the local congregation. He supports all measures looking to the general improvement in his community, and he is highly regarded by all who know him. Mr. Simpson is not married.

FRANK B. ZEIG.

The twentieth century being essentially utilitarian as distinguished from other epochs, the life of every successful individual carries a lesson which, told in contemporary narrative, is productive of much good in shaping the destinies of others. There is, therefore, a due measure of satisfaction in presenting, even in brief resume, the life and achievements of such men, and in

preparing the following history of such a progressive young business man of Fredericktown, Knox county, whose name appears above, it is with the hope that it will prove an incentive to others who hesitate at the parting of the ways, for it shows that energy, right principles and close application to one's chosen vocation will accomplish definite results even in the face of seeming discouragements of large magnitude.

Frank B. Zeig, who is known in various parts of the world as a manufacturer of road graders, was born on March 31, 1879, in Marion, Ohio, and he is the son of Christian and Margaret (Knickle) Zeig, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania. The elder Zeig is an extensive live stock dealer in Marion county, this state.

The son, Frank B., grew to maturity in Marion county and attended the common schools of Marion. He began his business career when but a young man, by dealing in timber and lumber, operating in Marion county, and for a time engaged in the hoop business somewhat extensively, operating a mill of his own, and, in fact, manufactured all kinds of lumber. In 1903 he came to Fredericktown and established a saw mill here in which he manufactured many varieties of lumber, becoming widely known as a lumberman, until 1907, when he disposed of his saw mill and engaged in the foundry business, building a new plant which has grown under his able and judicious management to large proportions. Here are manufactured road graders and road drags of four different styles, also cast iron culvert pipes and hardware specialties. The products of this excellent plant are sold by traveling salesmen all over this country and a large export trade is carried on, mostly with Africa, South America and Australia. The grading machines and culvert pipes have met with a ready market wherever offered, being of a superior design, quality and workmanship. His foundry is modern in its equipment, well arranged, everything under a superb system and only skilled artisans are employed. Mr. Zeig gives it his careful attention, every detail being carefully considered, no stone being left unturned whereby any of his products may be made better, more serviceable or desirable. He has proven himself to be a man of rare executive and mechanical ability, of keen discernment and foresight. Besides his foundry he has other business interests. He works about sixty men in his foundries.

On November 27, 1902, Mr. Zeig was united in marriage with Elizabeth Borth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Borth, of Marion county, one of the highly respected and influential families of that locality. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Zeig has been graced by the birth of two children, a son and a daughter, Harold and Stella.

Politically, Mr. Zeig is a Republican, but he has never found time from his business interests to take an active part in politics; however, he may always be depended upon to lend his support to all movements having for their object the betterment of local conditions. He has served as a member of the town council. Fraternally, he is a Mason, belonging to the chapter and commandery at Mt. Vernon.

Personally, Mr. Zeig is a gentleman of fine attributes of head and heart, sociable, genial and obliging, entirely honorable in all his relations with his fellow men, consequently enjoys their good will and esteem. He is of the quality that counts for progress in any community.

HENRY A. ALLEN.

Henry A. Allen was born on April 30, 1855, on the farm, one mile southwest of Mt. Vernon, where he has always lived. He is the son of Asahel and Content (Wing) Allen, the father born in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, November 18, 1803. Soon after his birth the family moved to Benson, Vermont, and in the fall of 1833 they came to Knox county, Ohio, and lived a year in Mt. Vernon, then purchased the farm where the subject of this sketch was born and which has ever since remained in possession of the family and on which the father spent the remaining years of his life, having become very well established and a highly esteemed citizen. His death occurred on April 13, 1887. His wife was born in Glens Falls, New York, November 10, 1812. The Wing family came to Knox county in 1817 when this country was heavily timbered and sparsely settled. The death of Mrs. Allen occurred on December 29, 1898. They are both buried in Mound View cemetery, Mt. Vernon. To these parents five children were born, one dying in infancy; the four that grew to maturity were: Belinda E., who married John B. Steinmetz, of Clinton township; Alice A. is single and lives with the subject of this sketch; Charles R. is also living with Mr. Allen of this review.

Henry A. Allen has spent his entire life on the home farm, as above indicated, and he was educated in the country district schools. He was married on December 19, 1900, to Clara B. Myers, daughter of Harry and Melinda (Shinnaberry) Myers; the father is still living, the mother having died in 1904. The union of the subject and wife has been without issue.

Mr. Allen has kept the home place of one hundred and sixty-three acres well improved and well cultivated, so that he has kept the land strong and

productive, and his crops from year to year bounteously attest to his skill as a husbandman. In connection with general farming he carries on stock raising. His sister, Alice A., is one-fourth owner of the home place. He has in addition to that, one hundred acres in a nearby neighborhood.

Politically, Mr. Allen is a Republican, but he has never been an office-seeker, but always interested in public affairs and a voter for the best men and measures. He is an advocate of public improvements, good roads, better schools and public buildings, in short, everything that added to the beauty and benefit of the community. The Allen family has long been conspicuous in the social life of the community, and all its members from the early pioneer times have borne good reputations. The grandfather, Asahel Allen, who came here with his family in 1833, built on his farm one of the first brick dwellings in this section of the state, at present used as a tenant house, and here he resided until his death, on April 22, 1850. His wife, who was known in her maidenhood as Rhoda Tillson, died on December 1, 1857. The elder Allen possessed a strong and vigorous intellect and his advice and opinion were frequently sought in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. The residence of the family at the present time is in the commodious frame structure erected by Asahel Allen, Jr., in 1843.

WILSON WORKMAN BUTLER.

In examining the life records of self-made men it will inevitably be found that indefatigable industry has constituted the basis of their success. True there are other elements which enter in and conserve the advancement of personal interests,—perseverance, discrimination and mastering of expedients,—but the foundation of all achievements is earnest, persistent labor. One of Knox county's citizens, Wilson Workman Butler, realized at the outset of his career that there was no real road to success and that to reach the goal of prosperity and independence one must not permit obstacles to thwart an earnest resolve, consequently he began to work earnestly and diligently to advance himself, and the result is that he is one of the wide-awake, enterprising men of the times, fully alive to the dignities and responsibilities of citizenship, and is peer of any of his contemporaries in the business world, all through his individual effort. Courteous, genial, companionable and unassuming, he commands the respect of all with whom he comes into contact, and his friends are as the number of his acquaintances. He is universally

esteemed in all the relations of life, and his career has been creditable to himself and an honor to the locality of which this history treats where most of his life has been spent. He is a worthy representative of one of our sterling pioneer families, the escutcheon of whose honored name he has been careful to keep untarnished.

Mr. Butler was born on the old homestead two miles east of Danville, Union township, Knox county, Ohio, on December 9, 1862. He is the son of Squire John and Mary Jane (Workman) Butler, the father born on August 12, 1820, and he died at Oberlin, Ohio, on December 22, 1897. The mother was born February 9, 1824, and her death occurred on March 19, 1870. Their family consisted of one son and two daughters: Wilson W., of this review; Florence, who died when two years of age; and Ida Josephine, who married John R. Payne, of Danville, Ohio; her death occurred about eight years ago.

Wilson W. Butler, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm and when old enough he assisted with the general work about the place and attended the district schools until he was twelve years of age, then moved to Danville to reside with his sister, Mrs. Payne, and there attended what was called a select school, conducted by teachers who had only a class of selected pupils. He subsequently attended a business college in Danville for one term. This was all the schooling he was permitted to obtain; however, always remaining a student and being a keen observer, he has made up for this early lack by miscellaneous home study and by actual contact with the business world.

When sixteen years old Mr. Butler accepted a position in a general merchandise store at Olive Green (Kingston Center), Delaware county, Ohio, and remained there for ten months, then secured employment in Z. L. White's dry goods store at the town of Delaware, Ohio, where he remained eighteen months; he then went with the John Shillito Dry Goods Company, of Cincinnati, where he remained for approximately a period of three years. He had by this time mastered the ins and outs of the mercantile business, performing his duties in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of his employers. He then engaged with his brother-in-law, J. R. Payne, also J. M. Clifton and E. V. Wells, in the granite business at Lima, this state. After spending approximately five years in the granite business, in which he met with a large measure of success, he went to New York and accepted a position as secretary of the Westerly Granite Company there, remaining with them about a year, after which we find him in the employ of the Sterlingworth Railway Supply Company, of

Easton, Pennsylvania, and he went to Chicago, as their western manager, the duties of which position he filled creditably and acceptably for a year and a half, then went to the American Car & Foundry Company, representing this firm in Chicago as their western sales agent for about eighteen months. He then purchased an interest and accepted a position as second vice-president of the Simplex Railway Appliance Company, of Hammond, Indiana. He went to New York city soon afterwards to take charge of their eastern business. He remained with this firm for about four years, when the business of the company was sold to the American Steel Foundries, of which company he was elected second vice-president, and remained with this concern in New York for about seven years. For the past two years he has been located in Montreal, Canada, as first vice-president of the Canadian Car & Foundry Company, Limited, and the Canadian Steel Foundries, Limited, and he still spends the major part of his time in that city.

He has been very successful in a business way and has long been regarded as an expert in the line of endeavor to which his present energies are devoted, having a national reputation in the business world.

Mr. Butler owns the old home place where he was born in Knox county and this he is placing under a high state of modern improvement and cultivation, fitting it up as a gentleman's country residence, where he intends spending considerable time in the future years, as his business affairs will permit. He takes a great pride in this picturesque old home and when his present plans of improvement are carried out this will be one of the "show places" of the county and a most desirable rural estate, equipped with modern, commodious and attractive buildings and well stocked.

Mr. Butler's daughter, Gladys, a young lady of many estimable attributes, was married on June 10, 1910, to Hurlbert C. Phillips, of Carthage, Ohio, and to this union a daughter was born on September 18, 1911.

Mr. Butler is a specimen of well rounded, symmetrically developed, virile manhood, moving among his fellows as one born to leadership, and he has directed his life along lines which could not fail to affect favorably the physical as well as the mental man, having from his youth advocated wholesome living and right thinking. With duties that would crush the ordinary man, he has his affairs so systematized that he experiences little or no inconvenience in disposing of his routine work and in carrying to successful issue large and important undertakings. He is a vigorous and independent thinker, a wide reader, and he has the courage of his convictions upon all subjects which he investigates. He is essentially cosmopolitan in his ideas, and in the best sense of the word a representative type of that strong American

manhood, which commands and retains respect by reason of inherent merit, sound sense and correct conduct. Measured by the accepted standard of excellence, his career, though strenuous, has been eminently honorable and useful, and his life fraught with great good to those with whom he has come in contact and to the world.

ISAAC S. HARMER.

The gentleman to whom the reader's attention is directed in this review, Isaac S. Harmer, has attained prestige by reason of native and acquired ability in agricultural circles and high standing in the domain of private citizenship. He is one of the representative men of Hilliar township, Knox county. He takes a deep and abiding interest in everything pertaining to the material advancement of his township and everything intended to promote the advancement of this locality is sure to receive his hearty support. He is rated as one of the progressive citizens of his community and the high respect in which he is held by all classes of people is a deserving compliment to an intelligent, broad-minded and most worthy man of affairs.

Mr. Harmer was born on July 27, 1855, in Summersville, Somerset county, New Jersey. He is the son of John L. and Mary E. (Brokow) Harmer. The parents came to Ohio with their family in 1859 and settled on a farm in Morrow county. After successfully engaging in farming for some time the father finally moved to Centerburg, where he was engaged in the meat business. His death occurred on June 15, 1903. His widow still lives in Centerburg.

Isaac S. Harmer spent most of his youth on the home farm assisting his father with the general work about the place and he received his education in the country district schools, and after the family moved to Centerburg he attended the public schools here. He was married on October 11, 1883, to Joanna Murphey, daughter of William and Julia A. (Smith) Murphey, the father being a substantial and well known farmer of Hilliar township. The mother, a widow, now eighty-seven years of age, and her daughter, Mrs. Harmer, are the only survivors of the Murphey family. To Mr. and Mrs. Harmer three daughters have been born, namely: Marie, Mabel and the oldest, who died in infancy.

Mr. Harmer began his married life on the home farm of the Murpheys, he having purchased all the interests of the heirs, and here he has since resided, having brought the place up to a high state of improvement and culti-

vation and managing it with such skill as to render it one of the choice farms of the township, and here he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. This excellent place is located one mile west of Centerburg. Mr. Harmer has made a specialty of thoroughbred Delaine sheep. He has been very successful in a business way and besides his farming interests he is a director and stockholder in the First National Bank of Centerburg.

Politically, Mr. Harmer is a Republican and is active in public affairs. He served eight years as township trustee and he was land appraiser for Hilliar township in 1910. He has been a frequent delegate to party conventions. He has frequently been urged to become a candidate for county offices, but has always declined. He favors public improvements, good roads, better schools and public buildings. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he has been a trustee of the church for fully twenty years, and has long been active in church and Sunday school work. He is a man of high character and standing, a genial, broad-minded, charitable gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know, and he and his family are held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN R. CLAYPOOL, M. D.

While yet young in years, Dr. John R. Claypool, of Gambier, Knox county, has shown what may be accomplished by the youth who diligently and conscientiously tries to advance himself, whose ideals are high and whose principles are correct. He has laid a broad and deep foundation for his life work and future years must needs accord him abundant success.

Doctor Claypool was born on March 30, 1887, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and he is the son of Charles S. and Rosa (Redman) Claypool, both born in Muskingum county, this state, and both are still living. The father is a contracting painter and decorator, and, owing to his superior skill, his services have been in great demand for many years. He is a highly regarded citizen.

The son, John R., was educated in the public schools of Mt. Vernon, being graduated from the high school. He then entered the University of Louisville, where he made a splendid record and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After his graduation he taught one year in that institution, which is a criterion of his ability and of the high confidence reposed in him by its management.

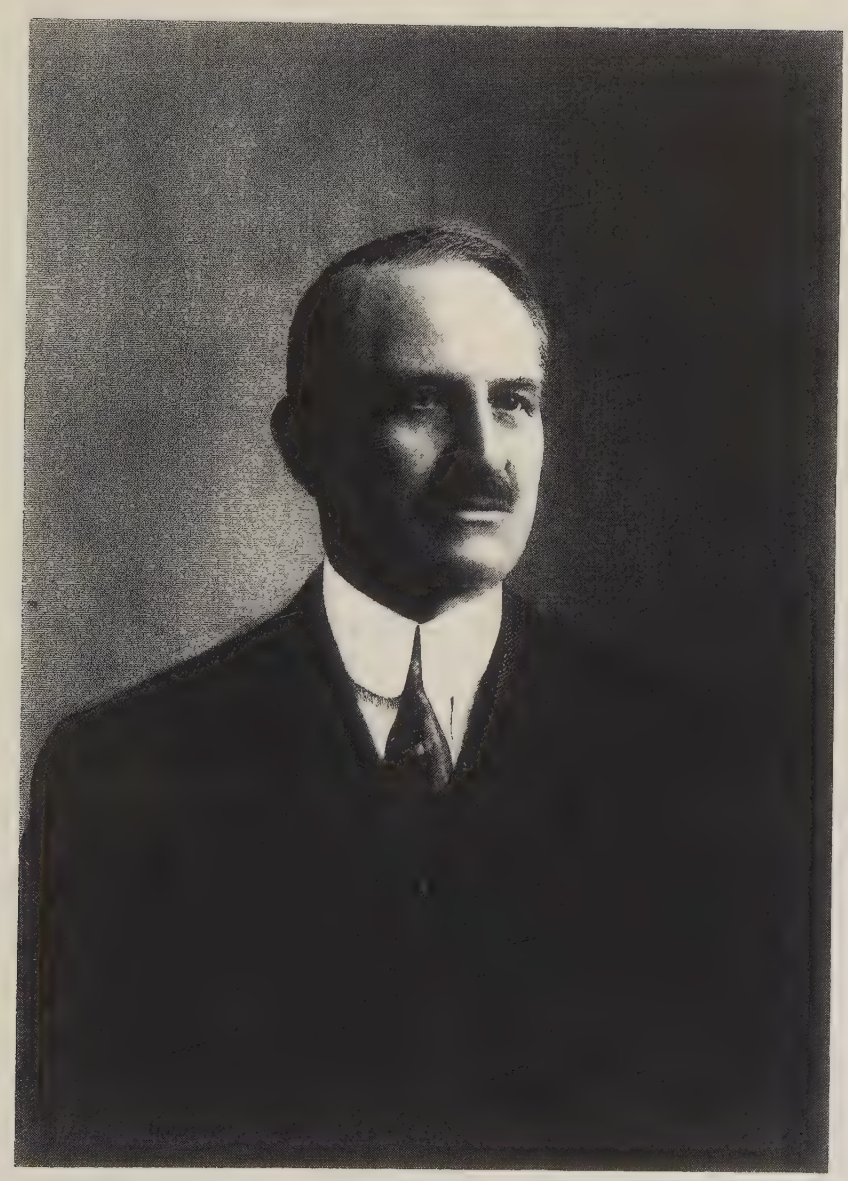
He then entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and in due time received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thus exceptionally well equipped for his vocation, he came to Gambier, Knox county, in August, 1910, and began the practice of his profession. He was successful from the first and his practice has constantly grown until he now occupies a conspicuous place among his professional brethren of this section of the state, having met with continued and pronounced success as a general practitioner. He also practices surgery, in which he is very skillful, consequently successful. He has a conveniently, modernly and systematically equipped office with a full line of latest designed instruments and electrical appliances.

The Doctor is a young man of fine physical development, engaging presence and affable demeanor, always a student and profound investigator. He is a member of the County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the National Medical Association. He is a member of the Masonic order and is medical examiner for the Bankers' Life, the John Hancock, the Midland Mutual and the German Commercial Life insurance companies. Politically, he is a Republican, but he has not found time to take a very active part in political affairs or be a candidate for office. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. While in the university he was a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa and the Theta Nu Epsilon societies.

Doctor Claypool was married November 1, 1911, to Mary Neil Schaad, of Columbus, Ohio, daughter of Oswald and Louise (Neddemier) Schaad.

CLAYTON H. BISHOP.

The history of Knox county is the record of the steady growth of a community planted in the wilderness a century ago and has reached its magnitude of today without other aids than those of industry. The people who redeemed its wilderness fastnesses were strong-armed, hardy sons of the soil who hesitated at no difficulty and for whom hardships had little to appall. The early pioneers, having blazed the path of civilization to this part of the state, finished their labors and passed from the scene, leaving the country to the possession of their descendants and to others who came at a later period and builded on the foundation which they laid so broad and deep. Among this class of sterling pioneers were the progenitors of Clayton H. Bishop, one of the successful citizens of Centerburg, Ohio. While their arrival was not



C. H. Bishop

so early as some, yet they came in the formative period and each succeeding generation has done much to develop and advertise to the world the wonderful resources of a county that now occupies a proud position among the most progressive and enlightened sections of the Buckeye state.

Mr. Bishop was born on June 11, 1860, in Mt. Liberty, Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of Allen S. and Ann Jennette (Wayland) Bishop, both natives of this county, and here they grew up, were educated in the old-fashioned schools and were married, spending their lives on a farm. Grandfather Smith Bishop was a very large land owner, who came with the early pioneers from Providence, Rhode Island, to Knox county about 1820, when the land was covered with a vast forest in which were Indians and wild game, the point of supplies for the people here then being at Zanesville. In such environments the father, Allen S. Bishop, was born and here he grew to manhood and spent his life. He was a man of fine personal character and a hard worker and he became one of the substantial farmers of his community. Politically, he was a Republican and he kept well informed on general topics, being fairly well educated for his day and a loyal party man. He was fond of good literature and had a remarkable memory. He lived to an advanced age, dying on June 17, 1909; his widow survives and is making her home near the town of Mt. Liberty.

Clayton H. Bishop spent his childhood and youth on the home farm and he attended the district schools and the graded schools of Mt. Liberty. His father operated a butcher-shop at Centerburg in connection with his farming and when the son, the subject, was eighteen years of age he was placed in charge of the same and later he engaged in this line of business for himself there. In 1884 he purchased the insurance business of Critchfield & Ashley, and he is now the senior member of Bishop, Bishop & Darling. He has been very successful in this line of endeavor and has built up a large and ever-growing business. The Bishop Insurance Agency was organized many years ago and the subject's son, Ray B. Bishop, and Samuel A. Darling became interested in the same. They carry on a general insurance business, including life insurance; they also included real estate, in which they do a very large business. Mr. Bishop was the promoter of the Centerburg Building and Loan Association Company, which was organized in 1894, and ever since he has been the secretary and general manager of the same. The company is the largest in a town the size of Centerburg in the state, having assets of more than eight hundred thousand dollars. This is a prosperous and prominent concern, being known all over this section of Ohio, and is a great credit to the community. Mr. Bishop was prominent in the organization of the Cen-

terburg Savings Bank Company in 1906, being the successor of the Centerburg Bank, the first institution of this kind in the town. He has been president of the same since 1908 and has discharged the duties of the same in a most able and praiseworthy manner, giving entire satisfaction to the stockholders and patrons of the same, and doing much to increase the prestige of this popular, sound and conservative institution. Mr. Bishop is also president of the Farmers Fertilizer Company, of Columbus, Ohio. He is a director in the Capital Limestone Company of Columbus, the Louisa Coal Company of Louisa, Kentucky, and the Johnstown & Croton Telephone Company, the Pataskala & Hebron Telephone Company, the Central Ohio Telephone Company. He is also president of the Centerburg Gas and Oil Company, secretary of the Little Sandy Gas and Oil Company, and is active in all these organizations, being by nature a man of keen discernment, sound judgment and a promoter and organizer. He has been very successful in whatever he has turned his attention to and ranks among the virile, progressive, and modern business men of this part of the state, whose influence in the business and commercial world is far-reaching.

Mr. Bishop is prominent in Republican politics and a leader in public matters, but he has never been an office holder, except town councilman. He was appointed postmaster at Centerburg in 1897. It was then a fourth-class office, but is now in the third-class division. The duties of this office were managed in a manner that reflected much credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the department and the people. It now has four rural routes. He has been a member of the county committee and the central committee of his party and has been a frequent delegate to district, county and state conventions, making his influence felt in all for the good of his community and the party in general.

Mr. Bishop was married on September 14, 1882, to Elizabeth Bennington, daughter of Demas and Margaret (Greenlee) Bennington, a prominent family of Washington county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bishop is a lady of culture and refinement and was formerly a successful school teacher. This union has been graced by the birth of two sons, Ray B., who was educated in the Centerburg high school, and Guy C., a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Fraternally, Mr. Bishop is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a charter member of Hawthorne Lodge No. 228. He also belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, Bloomfield Lodge, and to the Sons of Veterans, by virtue of the fact that his father was a soldier in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. The

subject and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee and a member of the building committee of the same and a Sunday school worker.

Mr. Bishop is the owner of over five hundred acres of valuable farming land in Milford township, this county, which is well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, and in addition to his many other interests he is an active and successful farmer. He raises much live stock, paying special attention to sheep and horses, and employs modern methods in all his farming and stock raising. He has one of the most attractive, commodious and modernly furnished homes in southwestern Knox county, in the midst of beautiful surroundings. As a recreation he engages in automobiling. He is a strong advocate of public improvements in every way and he is a leader in all movements looking to the general advancement of his community. He is a large owner of valuable and desirable town property. The Bishop home is the mecca of the social life of the community, being widely known as a place of good cheer and oldtime hospitality and here the many friends of the family frequently gather.

With duties that would crush the average man, Mr. Bishop has his business so systematized that he carries forward his diversified affairs in an easy manner and with little trouble. Personally, he is unassuming, genial, obliging, charitable and a man of the people in all that the term implies. He has so directed and ordered his course that he has won and retained the universal confidence and esteem of a vast circle of acquaintances. He is a student of the world's best literature, keeping his home well supplied and he is therefore a man of education and culture, a genteel gentleman whom to meet is to admire and respect.

JOHN M. EWALT.

In placing John M. Ewalt, well known banker of Mt. Vernon, in the front rank of Knox county business men, simple justice is done to a biographical fact, universally recognized throughout this and adjoining counties by those at all familiar with his history. A man of judgment, sound discretion and business ability of a high order, he has managed with tactful success important enterprises and so impressed his individuality and sterling characteristics upon the community as to gain recognition among its leading citizens, judicious financiers and public-spirited men of affairs.

Mr. Ewalt was born on May 7, 1840, one mile west of Mt. Vernon in

Clinton township. He is the son of a sterling old pioneer family, Henry and Elizabeth (Pratt) Ewalt. The paternal grandfather, John Ewalt, came to Knox county in 1813 from Bedford county, Pennsylvania, with his wife, seven sons and four daughters, and they settled two miles west of what is now the city of Mt. Vernon, on land he bought from the government and began life as a pioneer. In due course of time he became one of the prominent and well-to-do farmers of this section of the state. He gave his sons each one hundred and sixty acres of land as they came to manhood. For many years he was prominent in the affairs of this locality. He and his sons were all farmers except the oldest son, John, who was a blacksmith and who built a shop on the lot where the Knights of Pythias hall now stands on West Gambier street in Mt. Vernon, and it was the first blacksmith shop in the town.

Henry Ewalt, father of John M., of this review, was a farmer and he developed two good farms from the woods west of Mt. Vernon and became one of the leading farmers and stock men of the county, and he was prominent in local public matters. He was a great supporter of James K. Polk for the Presidency in 1844. He was a man of positive convictions and took a delight in forwarding any worthy movement looking to the general good of his community, and while he was always active in public affairs he was no office holder. He voted the Democratic ticket straight. His family consisted of three sons and four daughters, namely: Ann married Samuel Bartley, who moved to Iowa; Mary married Benjamin Iles; Andrew Jackson, who went to California as a gold hunter, being a member of the famous band of "forty-niners;" Henry, who first moved to Illinois, later to Kansas; Sarah A. married Frederick Rodgers; Caroline remained single; John M., of this review, is the only member of the family now living. The parents of these children were Presbyterians and devout church people. The father's death occurred in 1878 and the mother died in 1872; they are buried in Mound View cemetery.

John M. Ewalt spent his youth on his father's farm and attended the district school until he was nineteen years of age. He began life for himself by teaching school in the home district when he was nineteen years of age. Later he attended the Mt. Vernon schools and the high school, he being the first boy to enter the new high school building. It still stands, but has been enlarged and remodeled. He also attended the private school of R. R. Sloan prior to entering the high school. While a senior in the latter, the Civil war came on. William Mitchell, principal of the high school, organized a company of which he became captain, Company A, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer

Infantry, and Mr. Ewalt enlisted in the same, in August, 1862, and he served very faithfully until the following April, when he was discharged on account of physical disability. He was sergeant of his company. He participated in Sherman's repulse from Vicksburg and other engagements, including the battle of Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863. He was sent to St. Louis with a boat load of three hundred sick and wounded soldiers, one hundred of whom died on the way. He was discharged from the service at Jefferson Barracks, eleven miles below St. Louis. Upon leaving the army he returned home and was married on November 5, 1863, to Sarah Ward, daughter of Levi B. and Mary (Freeman) Ward, a prominent pioneer family of Mt. Vernon, where Mr. Ward was successfully engaged in the mercantile business for many years. He and his wife are both deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt two sons and one daughter have been born, namely: Harry, an optician in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; M. Cora is at home; J. Lewis is practicing dentistry at Lorain, Ohio; both sons are married, the daughter having remained single.

After his marriage Mr. Ewalt engaged in farming and teaching school, alternating the two with the seasons of each year up to 1871. Mrs. Ewalt's death occurred in December, 1890, and she is buried in Mound View cemetery. Mr. Ewalt was married a second time, in October, 1893, his last wife being Bell S. Scott, daughter of John and Mary (Ankeny) Scott, an excellent family of Cambridge, Ohio. This union has been without issue.

Mr. Ewalt has always taken an abiding interest in local affairs, and in 1871 he was elected county auditor on the Democratic ticket and he served two terms of four years. In 1865 he was appointed one of the county school examiners and he served in this capacity until 1876. He was a member of the city board of education for a period of three years. He discharged his duties very faithfully in every position of public trust.

In 1874 Mr. Ewalt was one of the organizers of the Mt. Vernon Bridge Company, of which the present bridge company is the continuation. Mr. Ewalt was then the first secretary and treasurer of the company, which position he held with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the stockholders for several years. In 1875, while still serving as county auditor, he was elected cashier of the then Knox County National Bank, and he served with much success in that capacity until the expiration of the bank charter in 1885, when the institution was chartered as the Knox National Bank, and he continued as cashier until the expiration of that charter in 1905. With the new charter the bank became the New Knox National Bank, under which charter it is now operating. Mr. Ewalt retired from the cashiership with the

expiration of the Knox National Bank, after a most faithful and commendable service of thirty years, during which time he became one of the county's leading figures in banking circles and won a wide reputation for his able, conservative and judicious ability and services, which were always of a very high order and his pleasing personality, courtesy and straightforward dealings with the thousands of patrons won the confidence and respect. Since his retirement as cashier he has been vice-president of the New Knox National Bank. Of the thirty-seven stockholders in the bank when Mr. Ewalt became cashier, he is now the only one remaining. He is a banker of the old school, yet he has all the while kept fully abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his line of endeavor, and all modern methods of banking are familiar to him. Liberal, yet conservative, his bank has had a very successful career, and is one of the sound and safe as well as popular financial institutions of Ohio.

Politically, Mr. Ewalt is a Democrat, but in 1896 he voted for William McKinley as President; since then he has called himself an independent Democrat. He is a member of Joe Hooker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and he and his family belong to the Baptist church and are active in church work, Mr. Ewalt being a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. The family home is a modern, commodious and attractive one, located at No. 120 East High street in one of the choice residence districts of the city, and it is an important factor in the best social life of the community. Mr. Ewalt is a strong and likable character of sterling worth and is highly regarded by all classes.

JOHN B. STINEMETZ.

For nearly three score and ten years, or indeed all his life, an esteemed and worthy resident of Clinton township, Knox county, John B. Stinemetz is entitled to special mention with the successful and representative men of the western part of the county. His name has long been inseparably connected with the agricultural and industrial growth and development of the community and in the equally important matters of education and public morals he has taken more than a passing interest. He has lived to see the great development of this favored section of the great Buckeye state and has played well his part in the same, for here, on his ancestral hills, he has been content to spend his life and he has so ordered his footsteps in the paths of rectitude that he has kept untarnished the escutcheon of the worthy pioneer name of Stinemetz.

Mr. Stinemetz was born on the farm where he still resides in Clinton township, this county, two miles west of the city of Mt. Vernon, on November 21, 1842. He is the son of George and Rachael (Liter) Stinemetz, both born in Washington county, Maryland, where they grew to maturity and were married, soon afterwards coming to Knox county, Ohio, in 1826, when the country was sparsely settled and little improvement had been made. They settled just west of Mt. Vernon and two years later bought the land which is still in possession of the family. It was then all timbered. The elder Stinemetz first cleared just enough for a place on which to build his cabin, then began the work of carving out a farm in the woods, and here he became very well established, the log cabin giving way to a more pretentious home in due course of time and he followed farming all his life, becoming one of the substantial men of his neighborhood, and he was a man of upright character and a most worthy citizen. His death occurred in June, 1873, his widow following him to the grave a few months later, on December 7th of the same year, and both are buried in Mound View cemetery, Mt. Vernon. They were the parents of nine children, only three of whom are now living, namely: Mary, who married Reason Welsh, is now a widow, as is also Ellen, who married Clark N. Craig; John B., of this sketch.

John B. Stinemetz grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools of the locality and his opportunities for an education were meager, but he made the best of what he had. He was married on October 29, 1868, to Belinda Allen, daughter of Asahel and Content (Wing) Allen. A sketch of the Allen family will be found on another page of this volume.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stinemetz, namely: Charles E., deceased; George A. A., married Jennie M. McGagin, and is living on a farm in Monroe township; Cora E. married Clinton M. Graham and she lives with her parents on the home farm.

The subject and his wife began housekeeping on the old home place and here they have continued to reside to the present time and they have kept the old place well improved and well tilled, so that it has lost none of its old-time fertility. His place of one hundred acres has yielded him a very comfortable annual income as a result of his industry and good management.

Politically, Mr. Stinemetz is a Republican and he has ever been a careful, intelligent voter, but never an office seeker. However, he has served his community as road commissioner and school director. He is a member of the Clinton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and are devout church people.

HIRAM W. WORKMAN.

Agriculture has been an honored vocation from the earliest ages and as a usual thing men of honorable and humane impulses, as well as those of energy and thrift, have been patrons of husbandry. The free outdoor life of the farm has a decided tendency to foster and develop that independence of mind and self-reliance which characterizes true manhood, and no greater blessing can befall a boy than to be reared in close touch with nature in the healthful, life-inspiring labor of the fields. It has always been the fruitful soil from which have sprung the moral bone and sinew of the country and the majority of our nation's great statesmen, famous warriors, renowned scholars and distinguished men of letters were born on the farm and are indebted to its early influence for the distinction which they have attained.

Hiram W. Workman, of Union township, Knox county, is a farmer and he comes of a family of tillers of the soil, who have been thus engaged for a livelihood for generations. He was born on February 26, 1861, in Tiverton township, Coshocton county, Ohio, the son of Stephen and Mary (Johnson) Workman, both natives of the same vicinity in which the subject was born and there they were reared, grew to maturity and married, the father spending his entire life on the old homestead on which his birth occurred. He farmed all his life and was a substantial and influential citizen. Politically, he was a Democrat and adhered to the Baptist belief religiously. His death occurred in December, 1907, having survived his wife thirty years, she having preceded him to the grave on February 12, 1877, and they are both buried in the Baptist cemetery, near Tiverton Center, Coshocton county.

Sixteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Workman, six of whom are living at this writing, four having died in infancy, and twelve grew to manhood and womanhood, namely: Hiram W., of this sketch; Robert W. lives in Holmes county, Ohio; Elizabeth married William R. Parsons, of Holmes county; Emma married Charles Englehart, of Howard township; Allen Thurman lives in Holmes county, and Asa is a resident of Orville, Wayne county.

Hiram W. Workman was reared on the home farm and there worked in the summer months as soon as he was old enough, attending the public schools in the winter time. He remained under his parental roof-tree until he was married, on November 17, 1881, to Alice Singer, daughter of John and Ellen (Prost) Singer, the mother having died when Mrs. Workman was an infant. The father is now a resident of the state of Idaho.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Workman, named as

follows: Sadie, who married Earl Ackert, of Tiverton township, Coshocton county; Grover C. is at home assisting with the work on the place; Walter is deceased.

Hiram W. Workman began farming on the home place in Tiverton township, Coshocton county, and in 1886 he came to Union township, Knox county, locating one mile west of Cavilla, where he is the owner of eighty acres of good land which he farms and on which he raises live stock and feeds considerable stock each year.

Politically, Mr. Workman is a Democrat and he has always been an active party man. He was assessor of Union township for two years. His popularity in his home community is shown by the fact that this is a strong Republican district and that he was elected on the Democratic ticket. He has also served as a member of the township board of education for several years, and he has been a frequent delegate to party conventions where he has always made his influence felt for the good of the community which he represents and the party in general.

HENRY M. JACOBS.

One of the honored young men of Knox county, a native son who has been content to remain in this favored section of the great Buckeye commonwealth, is Henry M. Jacobs, the present efficient and popular postmaster at Gambier. In all the relations of life he has commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been brought into contact as is evidenced by his selection to fill the important trust which he now holds.

Mr. Jacobs was born in the town of Gambier, this county, on October 6, 1875, and he is the son of Charles W. and Minerva (Benedict) Jacobs, both natives of Knox county, where the father devoted his life to farming. In later life he was a Republican in politics, but not active, though he filled a number of the township offices. He was a highly respected gentleman who led a clean, industrious life. His death occurred in December, 1906; his widow is living in Gambier, where, like her husband before her, she has many warm friends.

The son, Henry M., of this review, was educated in the public schools of Gambier. His first employment after finishing school was in the office of the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad at Gambier, remaining with the company four years, rendering high grade and eminently satisfactory service. In 1897 he became assistant postmaster at Gambier, and served in

this capacity in a most capable manner until November, 1910, when he was appointed postmaster, succeeding E. P. Webster, whose death occurred at that time. He has given both the department and the people faithful and conscientious service and proven to be one of the best postmasters the town has ever had. Politically, he is a Republican and has been active in party matters since attaining his majority. He was the representative from Gambier on the Republican county central committee for several years, and he has been a frequent delegate to county and district conventions. He has served as township clerk for thirteen years, from the time he became old enough to vote until he was appointed postmaster. He is now a member of the board of education of Gambier. This postoffice is a presidential third class office and three rural routes start from here, Route No. 1 being one of the first in the county.

Mr. Jacobs was married on July 26, 1901, to Eva Webster, daughter of Erwin P. and Sarah (Chaney) Webster. Mr. Webster was for many years agent for the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad at Gambier and from 1897 until his death, in the fall of 1910, he was postmaster at Gambier. His wife preceded him to the grave several years. They were highly respected people.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have one child, Edwin W. Mr. Jacobs is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons, at Mt. Vernon, also a member of the chapter. He affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member. They are popular in the best society of the county and are pleasant people to meet.

WILLIAM M. CARLISLE.

One of the progressive and respected men of affairs in the county of Knox is William M. Carlisle, of Gambier, a man who has always taken a great interest in the advancement of his locality and endorses every movement which he believes will prove a benefit to humanity. He is a sociable gentleman and is held in the highest regard by all who know him. His achievements represent the result of honest endeavor along lines where mature judgment has opened the way. By pluck and energy, controlled by correct principles and founded upon unswerving honor, he has attained to a position meriting the respect and admiration of his fellow men which they gladly give.

Mr. Carlisle was born on March 28, 1861, in Olive Green, Delaware

county, Ohio, and is the son of Zachariah and Jennie (Caldwell) Carlisle. The father was born in Licking county, Ohio, and the mother in England, from which country she emigrated to the United States when seven years of age. The father was a physician and during the early years of his professional career he lived at Newark, Licking county, Ohio. He served through the Civil war, enlisting as a musician, having been connected with a band in Newark as a young man, but later was transferred to the hospital corps. He enlisted at the first call for troops and was at the front all through the struggle. After serving three months, he re-enlisted in the Eighteenth Infantry, regular army and served in the hospital service, in this splendid body of fighting men until the close of the war. Following the war, he gave up his practice and settled in Gambier for a few years, then went to Arkansas City, Arkansas, and there he continued the practice of medicine and there he spent the balance of his life, dying in 1904; his widow is living in Oklahoma.

William M. Carlisle grew to manhood in his native community and he went to Arkansas with the family, later returning to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and here he studied medicine with Dr. J. F. Hess and was admitted to practice in 1884, then went to Arkansas City where he engaged in practice for about one year, then returned to the home of his uncle, William Oliver, in Gambier, in whose family he had spent so much of his childhood. Mr. Oliver was a prominent factor in the affairs of Gambier for many years. His wife died in 1885 and the subject returned to Gambier to be with Mr. Oliver, who was thus left alone. On May 28, 1885, Mr. Carlisle was married to Adelia Hanlen, of Columbus, Ohio. After his marriage he moved to one of Mr. Oliver's farms in Monroe township, Knox county, and there engaged in farming. The subject has one daughter, Mary Olive, now the wife of Wilfred Perry, of Cleveland. Mr. Carlisle lived on this farm until November, 1905, when he built a modern home in Gambier where he has since resided. It is an attractive, commodious and modernly equipped residence, the equal of any in this part of the county. He has engaged most successfully in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle and fine hogs. By diligence and good management he has met with a large measure of success and laid by a competency. He owns over two hundred acres of as fine land as the county can boast, all well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He employed all modern methods in his agricultural work, believing in keeping abreast of the times and for years he has been regarded as one of the most progressive of local farmers. As a physician, he met with success and enjoyed a large practice, as did his father, but the freer life of the country appealed to him most and he gave up practice.

Politically, Mr. Carlisle is a Republican and he has long been actice and influential in public matters. In 1910 he was land appraiser for Gambier and College township. He has served as a member of the Republican county central and the executive committees and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He was one of the promoters of the Knox County Agricultural Fair and was a member of the board of directors until 1910. Much of its success was due to his efforts. His support may always be depended upon in the advancement of all matters pertaining to the general good of the community and county, and his advice is often sought in public matters.

Mr. Carlisle has been much interested in improved conditions of farming and stock raising and has done as much, if not more, than any other man in his locality to bring about a better condition. He has made a careful study of soils, rotation of crops, fertilizers, climatic conditions, grains and the relation of each to the other, and has long been an advocate of scientific and "intensive" farming, employing such methods as would bring the maximum returns for the least amount of labor and expense.

Mr. Carlisle is a member of the Sons of Veterans, William Harding Camp No. 63, at Gambier; he also belongs to Pleasant Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and has been active in Grange affairs as well as in all organizations of farmers. He is an enthusiastic advocate of farmers' institutes, corn associations and all organizations calculated to improve farms and the condition of farmers, and he is frequently a speaker at these meetings. He and his family are members of the Episcopalian church and are active in church work. Mr. Carlisle finds recreation about his own home. He is fond of a good horse and also all athletic games and out-door amusements. He is also a chicken fancier, making a specialty of raising brown Leghorns and keeps a large number in his poultry yards. The Carlisle family is prominent in the social life of the community, and their pleasant home is the frequent gathering place for their many friends.

WILLIAM L. WARD.

Among those men of Knox county who, by the force of their personality, have forged their way toward the front ranks of the class of citizens who may justly be termed progressive, is William L. Ward, the well known liveryman of Mt. Vernon, and who also has a fine farm in this vicinity which he has taken a great interest in and which he has improved in a most system-

atic way until it is the equal of any in the community where it is so admirably located. He is a man who has dealt honestly with his fellow men and therefore has their confidence and friendship.

Mr. Ward was born on October 24, 1870, in Miller township, this county. He is the son of Joe M. and Alethea (Rowland) Ward, the father a native of Ashland county, Ohio, and the mother of Richland county, this state. After their marriage they came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1863 and located in Milford township, later moving to Miller township, where the subject was born. The father was a carpenter and contractor and owing to his skill and fair dealings his services were in great demand and he turned out many important jobs from year to year, and many of the substantial buildings of various kinds throughout the locality stand today as monuments to his ability in this connection. He also farmed a great deal during the latter years of his life. He was a soldier in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, serving gallantly until the close of the struggle. Politically, he was a Democrat and while he was always a voter, was never an office seeker. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife was a member of the Baptist church. He was a man of exemplary character, and his death occurred on August 28, 1903, his wife having preceded him to the grave in September, 1896.

Three sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Ward, five of whom are living, namely: Sarah F. is deceased; Laura A. married W. W. Stockbridge, of Croton, Licking county, Ohio; John E. is married and is living in Mt. Vernon; Mary J. married M. J. Clutter, of Milford township; Herman is married and is living in Miller township; William L. of this sketch.

William L. Ward was reared on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work about the place when he became of proper age, and he received his education in the public schools of the township. For a time prior to his marriage he was engaged in the coal business in Mt. Vernon.

On July 8, 1899, Mr. Ward was united in marriage with Anna Belle Graham, daughter of DeWitt C. and Rebecca (Behanna) Graham, of Miller township, but natives of Pennsylvania, a highly respected family. Four children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Lucy E., Charles G., Louie Cladys is deceased; Wilma Beatrice.

Mr. Ward began his married life on the home farm in Miller township, where he remained two years, then went to Hunt's Station, where he engaged in the grain, hay and coal business for a period of seven years, and

for about four years of this period he operated in this vicinity for the J. S. McConnell Company of Mt. Vernon. He soon built up an extensive trade in this line and met with much success. In 1907 he came to Mt. Vernon and engaged in the livery business and here he has remained, enjoying an ever-growing patronage. He has a large, well-stocked barn, good horses and modern equipment, everything kept up to date, in fact, he spares neither pains nor expense in rendering the public prompt and efficient service. Mr. Ward is also the owner of a fine farm a half mile west of Mt. Vernon, which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation and which he supervises in a general way.

Politically, Mr. Ward is a Democrat and he has served his township as clerk and he has been clerk of the board of elections for two years in Miller township. He takes much interest in local party affairs. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Mt. Vernon lodge, and he also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church and have long been active in church and Sunday school work, he having been superintendent of the Sunday school and a deacon in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward are pleasant people to meet, and they have many friends throughout the county.

HARRY HOLMES.

Agriculture has been the true source of man's dominion on earth ever since the primal existence of labor and has been the pivotal industry that has controlled, for the most part, all the fields of action to which his intelligence and energy have been devoted. In a civilized community no calling is so certain of yielding a compensatory reurn as that which is culled from a kindly soil, albeit at times the husbandman is sorely taxed in coaxing from mother earth all that he desires or even expects; yet she is a kind mother and seldom chastens with disappointment the child whose diligence and frugality she deems it but just should be rewarded. One of the farmers of College township, Knox county, on whom the aforesaid Mother Nature seems to have been unsparing in her largesses is Harry Holmes, who was born one mile north of Gambier in Monroe township, and who has spent his life in his home community. He is the son of Josiah and Sarah (Wasson) Holmes. The father came to Monroe township with his parents when he was seven

years of age and here he was reared, residing on the same farm until his death. Lemuel Holmes, grandfather of the subject, came from Baltimore, Maryland, to Coshocton county, Ohio, in an early day and there settled on a farm. Grandfather Wasson was also a farmer all his life. Josiah Holmes, mentioned above, was one of the most progressive farmers of his township and one of the first to make an effort to improve his live stock, especially horses, and he bought the first Percheron stallion for that purpose and did much to improve the breed of horses in this county. He was one of the substantial and highly esteemed men of his community. He was a Republican in politics and his religious faith reposed with the Episcopalians, though a few years prior to his death he united with the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in April, 1892, his wife having preceded him to the grave several years. She was a native of Delaware county, Ohio.

Harry Holmes, of this sketch, spent his childhood and youth on the home farm and there assisted with the general farm work, attending the district schools in the winter, in Monroe township and in the town of Gambier, also Kenyon Military Academy.

Mr. Holmes was married on August 16, 1883, to Celestie Wolfe, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (McArtor) Wolfe, a prominent family of Harrison township. The Wolfe family came from Pennsylvania, John Wolfe, Mrs. Holmes' grandfather, having been one of the pioneers of this country. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Ethel R., who married Jasper F. Walker. The latter is associated with the subject in farming and is a young man of much promise. He is extensively engaged in raising American thoroughbred Delaine sheep and his flocks are regarded as among the best in the country, in fact, are not surpassed in the state. His sheep find a market in all parts of the country for breeding purposes. He is an exhibitor at county and state fairs, also at the National Stock Exhibit at Chicago, and he has won many prizes wherever he has shown his fine stock. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have two children, a son and a daughter, Ruth M. and Harlow H.

After his marriage, Harry Holmes turned his attention to farming on his own account, which he followed several years, then became steward for three years at the Harcourt Seminary at Gambier. Following this he engaged in the grocery business in Mt. Vernon for three and one-half years. But he was never fully satisfied away from the farm, so he returned to husbandry. In connection with general farming he raised thoroughbred sheep. In 1907 he and Mrs. Holmes left the farm and moved to a fine home in Gambier, attractively and modernly finished, surrounded by spacious, well-

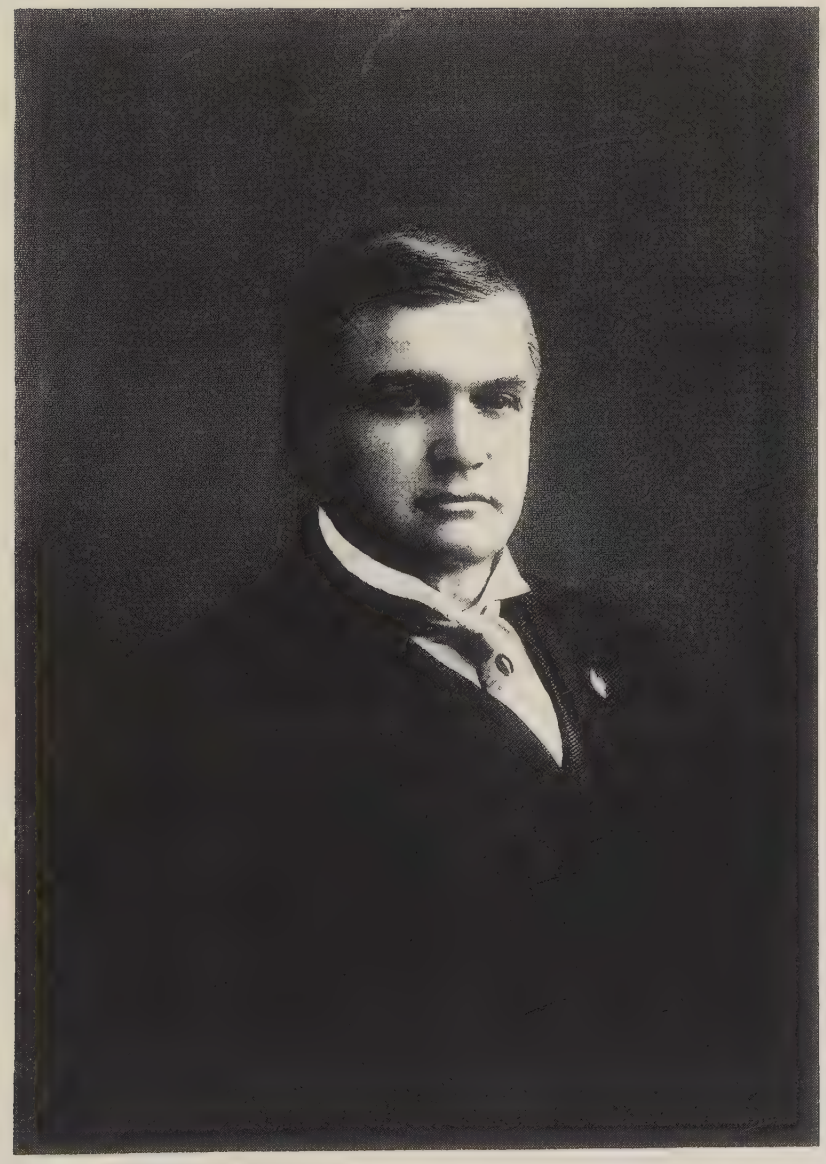
kept grounds. His farm contains two hundred and seven acres of fertile and well kept land, under a high state of improvement and cultivation. The grounds surrounding his Gambier home consist of thirteen acres of valuable land. Mr. Holmes spends considerable time raising chickens, and his brown Leghorns are much admired by all who see them.

Mr. Holmes is a Prohibitionist and was mayor of Gambier in 1911, the duties of which office he discharged in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He has served on the Gambier board of education. He is thoroughly in touch with public matters and lends his support to all measures having for their object the general good of the people of his community. He and his family are members of the Disciples church, and he is an elder in the same. Mrs. Holmes is a refined and cultured woman and they are prominent in the social life of the community, their friends being numbered only by the limits of their acquaintance.

CHARLES W. COE.

The popular citizen and enterprising business man whose name furnishes the heading of this review needs no formal introduction to the people of Knox county. Long identified with the agricultural and business interests of the community, he has taken an abiding interest in the welfare of the same in all phases of its development, and has forged to the front ranks as a man of affairs, besides earning an honorable reputation as a man of integrity and wholesome ideals. He represents a sterling pioneer family.

Charles W. Coe, well known president of the Building and Loan Association of Centerburg, was born on December 25, 1848, in Washington township, Licking county, Ohio, and is the son of Charles H. and Eliza Ann (Conard) Coe. The father came to Licking county when three years old with his parents, Joshua and Mary (Burgone) Coe, from Maryland in 1826, and the grandfather, Joseph Conard, came here from Virginia in 1805, settling in what is now Morgan township when the country was a wilderness, and here he remained a number of years, finally selling out and moving to what is now Washington township, Licking county, settling where the town of Utica now stands. He was a farmer and he established the first tannery in the locality. When the father of the subject married he also engaged in the tanning business, following the same for many years, later turning his attention to farming, finally giving up the tanning business. He was a soldier



C. W. Coon

in the Civil war, a member of the First Ohio Independent Sharpshooters. He was an exceptionally good shot, and prior to this service of about two years he was a recruiting officer. While in the service he was captain of a company of the sharpshooters and was attached to different regiments at various times, and he saw some hard service with the different armies. After the close of the war he came to Hilliar township, Knox county, Ohio, in 1865 and engaged in farming, in which he prospered, both as a general farmer and a sheep raiser. He died December 20, 1911, at the age of eighty-eight years, on his fine three-hundred-and-fifty-acre farm, a half mile north of Centerburg. His first wife died in December, 1873, she being the mother of the subject, and the father married again, his second wife surviving at this writing. Four children, two sons and two daughters, were born to Charles H. Coe and his first wife, namely: Alice, now the wife of George Rinehart, her husband being now deceased; Charles W., of this sketch; Jennie married Joseph Sutton, a farmer of Hilliar township; and Judson C., of Centerburg, all living.

Charles W. Coe grew to manhood on the home farm and his first activities were in his father's tannery. He attended the public schools and one year in the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, also attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, then spent one year at Michigan University at Ann Arbor. Thus well equipped for his life work, he left college and began life by clerking in a drug store in Springfield, having taken the course in pharmacy at Ann Arbor, Michigan, for one year. After spending a year at Springfield, he returned to the home farm, undertaking the management of the same, and for a period of twenty-seven years he operated the same in a most successful manner, carrying on general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of sheep. During the latter years of his farming operations, in 1893, he moved to Centerburg for the purpose of making his future home, but retained his farming interests. He was one of the organizers of the Building and Loan Association and after two years he became president of the same, which position he still holds, having discharged the duties of the same in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned, in fact his judicious management has been largely due to its large success. It is one of the most successful of its kind in the state. In 1901 Mr. Coe became associated with the Centerburg Bank, and was made vice-president of the same and has filled this position with rare ability ever since. The bank has since been reorganized and is now known as the Centerburg Savings Bank Company, under the state laws. Mr. Coe is

also interested in the Johnston & Croton and the Patalaska & Hebron Telephone Companies, being one of the promoters of each and he has been a director in these companies from their organization. He is also the vice-president of the Centerburg Gas Company, president of the Little Sandy Oil and Gas Company, operating in Licking county, and vice-president of the Farmers Fertilizer Company, of Columbus, Ohio. He is president of the Capitol Limestone Company of Columbus. All the above named corporations are at present in a prosperous condition. He is also interested in the Louisa Coal Company, of Louisa, Kentucky, and is a stockholder in various other corporations, and is thus a very busy man of affairs. He also has valuable farming interests in Knox and Licking counties. He is by nature an organizer and promoter, a man of keen discernment, sound judgment and rare business acumen, possessing the foresight to see with remarkable accuracy the future outcome of a present transaction. Few business men of the county are more widely or favorably known in business circles of this part of the state, and none are more deserving of their success.

Mr. Coe was married on December 25, 1880, to Belle L. Riley, a lady of culture and refinement, and the daughter of John and Susan (Curtis) Riley, a prominent and highly esteemed family of Hilliar township, both parents being now deceased.

Fraternally, Mr. Coe belongs to the Masonic order, the chapter and commandery, at Mt. Vernon and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Columbus. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, he being a trustee of the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Coe have spent considerable time in travel, visiting Florida, Cuba and the Isle of Pines, where he has business interests. Politically, he is a Republican and is a local leader in the party, always active in its affairs, though he has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring to devote his attention exclusively to his large business interests. He has been a frequent delegate to various conventions of his party, in all of which he has made his influence felt for the good of the same and his community.

Personally, Mr. Coe is a refined, genteel, broad-minded gentleman, progressive in all that the term implies, obliging and straightforward in his dealings with his fellow men, a man whose word is as good as the bond of most men and whose life has been so exemplary and praiseworthy that he has always enjoyed the good will and confidence of those with whom he has come into contact. Public-spirited, charitable and unassuming, he merits the high esteem in which he is universally held.

GEORGE P. LaPORTE.

Examples that impress force of character on all who study them are worthy of record. By a few general observations may be conveyed some idea of the high standing of George P. LaPorte, the popular publisher of the *Danville Herald*, and one of the public-spirited and representative men of Knox county, whose interests he has at heart and which he seeks to promote, advocating such measures as have for their object the material, civic and moral good of the locality, and as a result of his many commendable characteristics he is held in high esteem by all classes, irrespective of party alignment.

Mr. LaPorte was born on September 19, 1875, in Coshocton county, Ohio. He is the son of Wallace B. and Amy B. (Ganson) LaPorte, both natives of Ohio. The father devoted his life to carpentering and many of the best buildings in various sections of Coshocton and Knox counties stand as monuments to his skill. He went to Riverside, California, in 1904, where he has since resided, engaged in carpentering and contracting. The mother has been long deceased, having passed away in October, 1879.

George P. LaPorte, of this review, spent his early life in Kansas where he was taken when one year old by his parents. The family returned to Ohio in 1883 and settled in Ashland county, where the father resumed his trade, and there the subject received his education in the public schools. Later the family moved to Richland county where they remained four or five years, and in the fall of 1889 they moved to Danville, Knox county, and here the subject has since resided.

George P. LaPorte earned his first dollar by working for his uncle, J. W. Kirk, of Richland county, and after coming to Danville he worked at whatever he could get to do and finished his education in the Danville high school, after which he entered the office of the *Danville Herald* to learn the printer's trade. He went to Akron, Ohio, in 1900 and worked for the Werner Printing Company for a period of seven years and in February, 1908, he returned to Danville and worked for the *Danville Herald* again, this time as foreman. It was then owned by Paul Welker. In February, 1911, Mr. LaPorte purchased the paper and has since been editor, proprietor and publisher. He has increased the circulation of the same, improved its mechanical appearance and rendered it a valuable advertising medium and an influential factor in shaping and molding local public opinion, its prestige being gradually on the increase. The *Herald* is independent in politics and it stands for the development of Danville and vicinity along all lines. Its columns teem with the

best, latest and most important news, succinctly and crisply set forth, and its editorials carry weight, whatever the topic under consideration. Mr. LaPorte also conducts a job printing department which is thoroughly equipped with modern machinery and appliances such as insure prompt and high-grade work.

On March 18, 1900, Mr. LaPorte was united in marriage with Genie Van Horn, daughter of R. and Mary (Hess) Van Horn, an influential family of Danville, early settlers of this vicinity. Two sons and two daughters have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Bernard R., Ralph T., M. Arline and Frances E.

Politically, Mr. LaPorte is a Republican, but he has never been very active in public affairs and never an office holder. He belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are members of the Christian church, in which he is a trustee and they are active in church and Sunday school work.

Mr. LaPorte has other business interests aside from his newspaper and job office, and is a very busy man and one of the leaders of eastern Knox county. Personally, the subject is obliging, a good mixer and is always ready to do his full share in furthering the interests of his town and community.

CHARLES C. LOGSDON.

When the evening shadows of old age lie about us, it is quite the usual thing for a person to look back over his life to find out whether the world is any better for his having lived. It must be a gloomy retrospect indeed when no good can be found upon such an examination. On the other hand, what a delightful satisfaction it must be to any one to know that his life has been an example of excellence for the guidance of youth and for the congratulation of age. How many old persons who read these lines can truthfully hold up their heads and declare that the world is better for their having lived. It is a pleasure to chronicle the events in a career of a man who has the highest respect of all his acquaintances, such as Charles C. Logsdon, long a well-known business man of Danville, Union township, and one of the worthy pioneer sons of Knox county, which he has lived to see advance from the wilderness to one of the foremost communities in the great Buckeye commonwealth, and none has been happier in its phenomenal progress than he.

Mr. Logsdon was born in Union township, this county, on May 31, 1839. He is the son of David and Rebecca (Uhl) Logsdon, both born in Maryland. The Logsdons were Scotch and emigrated to America with Lord Baltimore and settled in Maryland and Kentucky. The Uhls were of German blood and they, too, came to the United States in an early period. The parents of the subject were married in Maryland and came to Knox county, Ohio, about 1825 when the country was sparsely settled and practically a vast forest. They first settled in Danville and later moved to a farm in Union township and began to clear the land for farming. They underwent the usual hardships and privations incident to pioneer life and in due course of time they became very comfortably fixed through their industry and frugal habits. The elder Logsdon was a man of fine intelligence and upright character and he was influential in the affairs of his community. He was born in 1809 and his death occurred in 1876. His wife was born in 1808 and her death occurred in 1885.

Charles C. Logsdon was reared on the farm and when of proper age he assisted his father in the fields and he received such education as the early country schools afforded. He remained under his parental roof-tree until he was twenty-one years of age, then worked at farming for his neighbors for some time. He was slow in learning the English alphabet, but learned spelling phonetically and got to be the champion speller in school of all ages, although he did not know a letter in the alphabet. Later he learned the millers' trade and operated the mill at Gambier for six years and then moved to a farm which he purchased, near Monroe Mills, in Monroe township, and there he remained fifteen years. In 1883 he moved to Independence, Kansas, and engaged in the shorthorn cattle business and farmed extensively, prospering through close application and good management and becoming an extensive land owner and one of the substantial men of that locality.

Mr. Logsdon was first married in September, 1867, to Amelia Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes, of Harrison township, Knox county, Ohio, and to this union two sons have been born, Carey L., now in the railway mail service, but recently admitted to the bar, and expects to follow the law, and Clemen J., of Osborn, Greene county, Ohio. The wife and mother passed to her rest in July, 1887, while living in Kansas, and she was brought back to her old home in Union Grove, Knox county, Ohio, for interment. In September, 1890, Mr. Logsdon was again married to Alice G. Critchfield, daughter of Hiram and Harriet Critchfield, of Knox county, an early pioneer family. This union has been without issue.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Logsdon returned to Buckeye

City, Knox county, Ohio, and lived a retired life for several years, then moved to Columbus for the purpose of educating his sons in the Ohio State University, and that city was his home for a period of eight years, while his sons were attending school. Then he returned to Buckeye City and engaged in the cement business, manufacturing cement building blocks, ornamental work and monuments and he met with a large measure of success in this field. He has a fine modern residence of cement block, delightfully located, commanding a beautiful view of the surrounding country, in fact, his is the finest residence in Danville and Buckeye City. Mr. Logsdon is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his former years of endeavor. He has been very successful in a business way and has large interests and a competency.

Politically Mr. Logsdon has always been a Democrat, but has never been active or held anything but township offices, such as trustee and assessor. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He and his family are members of the Catholic church and are devout people, standing high in all circles of the community.

CLINTON M. RICE.

An enumeration of the enterprising men of Knox county, Ohio, who have won recognition and success for themselves and at the same time have conferred honor upon the community, would be incomplete were there failure to make mention of the popular gentleman whose name initiates this review. Clinton M. Rice, of Danville, holds worthy prestige in business circles and has always been distinctively a man of affairs and wields a wide influence among those with whom his lot has been cast, having won definite success and shown what a man of lofty principles, honesty of purpose and determination can win if properly controlled, as his have evidently been, and because of his industry, integrity and courtesy he has always stood high in the estimation of the people and merits in every way their esteem.

Mr. Rice was born on November 6, 1857, on a farm in Brown township, this county. He is the son of Ephraim and Mary M. (Porter) Rice. The father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Knox county, Ohio. The father came to Knox county with his parents, Isaac and Cordelia (Longsworth) Rice, in 1826 and settled on a farm in Union township where they remained two years, and in 1828 they moved to Jefferson township in which they spent the remainder of their lives engaged in agricul-

tural pursuits. The father was a progressive, public-spirited man of affairs and he became a large land owner in Brown township. In connection with general farming he raised horses of excellent breeds. Politically, he was a Democrat and active in public affairs, and he filled various offices in his township. He was a member of the Methodist church. His death occurred in April, 1888; his widow, a woman of many estimable attributes, still survives, being now advanced in years.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Rice, namely: Clinton M., of this sketch; Tamzen J. married Solomon Ross, of Jelloway, this county; Emma F. married Peter Wise, of Brown township; Harriet E. married Eugene Loney, of Brown township; Sol B. lives in Danville; William B. lives on the home farm in Brown township; Jay J. C. died in May, 1908.

Clinton M. Rice was reared on the home farm and he was educated in the country district schools, and the Central Normal School at Danville, also spent part of one year at Kenyon College. Thus well equipped for life's work, he began teaching, which he followed with marked success for a period of ten years in the district schools of Knox county. In 1886 he engaged in the banking business with Albert I. Wolfe as the Danville Bank for ten years, Mr. Rice being cashier, from which position he retired in 1895, but still retained a financial interest. While teaching, Mr. Rice read law with Judge J. B. Waight, of Mt. Vernon, and after giving up teaching he went to Fayettsville, Arkansas, for the practice of law, but his health failing there, he remained less than a year. He was admitted to the bar in that state. Upon his return to Danville, Ohio, he opened a law and real estate office in 1898, which he still maintains in Danville, and he has built up a large business in each. In recent years he has been actively engaged in the gas development of this section of Ohio, being identified with the Mohegan Oil & Gas Company. He has settled a large number of estates, having a large business in the probate court, and is a very active and busy man. He has various business interests, owning several farms in this county, also owns land elsewhere. He is a man of sound judgment, keen discernment and wise foresight, and his integrity is unquestioned so that he has ever enjoyed the good will and confidence of the people with whom he has dealings.

Mr. Rice was married on November 4, 1886, to Ocena M. Gilmore, a lady of culture and refinement, the daughter of Francis and Mary (Loney) Gilmore, a prominent family of Pike township, this county. This union has been graced by the birth of one daughter, Mary C., who lives at home.

Politically, Mr. Rice is a Democrat and he has been active and influential

in public affairs. He was a member of the Danville board of education for seventeen years consecutively. He was a member of the board when the high school, one of the best in the county, was established. He is a member of the Democratic county central committee, and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions, and he has made his influence felt for the good of his community and the party. As a public servant he has been most diligent and conscientious and won the approval of all, irrespective of party alignment. He is a member of the Methodist church and has been active in church and Sunday school work and is a class leader and liberal supporter of the church. He is a man of liberal ideas, broad-minded, progressive in all that the term implies, obliging, genial and ever vigilant of the best interests of his town and county.

HERSCHEL J. CHAPPELEAR.

Action is the keynote of the character of all who achieve success on this planet of ours—action subtly planned and carefully carried out. The successful life story of the energetic young man whose name forms the caption of this biography is a case in point, being one of a determined struggle for a definite purpose.

Mr. Chappelear was born on June 15, 1876, in Brazil, Indiana, and he is the son of William and Margaret (McMullen) Chappelear. The father was an undertaker and in 1877 he moved with his family to Gratiot, Licking county, Ohio, where he engaged in the undertaking business and became well established, and under him the son, Herschel J., learned this line of endeavor. He grew up and attended the public schools at Gratiot and later attended the high school at Mt. Perry, Perry county, Ohio. He began assisting his father at his business at a very early age and when thirteen years old he conducted a funeral himself. He took a course in the Massachusetts College of Embalming, at Boston, receiving his degree in due course of time and making an exceptionally fine record there. Later he took a post-graduate course at the Echels Embalming College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and thus unusually well equipped for his life work, he began business for himself when twenty-one years of age, establishing himself at his old home, Gratiot, Ohio, succeeding his father, who retired from active work. He continued at Gratiot until 1902, when he came to Mt. Vernon, where he has since continued in the undertaking business. He is universally

regarded as an expert in all that pertains to his line and is equipped with everything necessary for the embalming and proper care of bodies. His ambulance and funeral cars are all thoroughly in keeping with a modern and thoroughly equipped funeral outfit. He handles caskets of every description, from the plainest to the most elaborate, and of all designs.

Mr. Chappelear was married in March, 1897, to Mattie Morrison, and this union has been blessed by the birth of four children, namely: Raymond, now fourteen years old; Ralph, whose age is eleven years; Margaret is nine years old and Paul has reached his sixth birthday.

Mr. Chappelear is a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of the Maccabees, and he also belongs to the Sons of Veterans, his father having served through the Civil war in the Union army. He is held in high favor in all these lodges. He and his family are members of the Methodist Protestant church. His parents are still living, residents of Mt. Vernon. The family home is at No. 527 East Gambier street in a very popular residence district.

FRENCH W. SEVERNS.

One of the leading business men and public-spirited citizens of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is French W. Severns, a man who has figured more or less conspicuously in the material and civic affairs of his locality for over a quarter of a century. As a citizen, his reputation is unimpeachable and as a neighbor and friend he is widely respected, none in the county standing higher in public esteem.

Mr. Severns was born on December 5, 1862, on a farm near Newcastle, Coshocton county, Ohio. He is the son of Isaac D. and Elizabeth (Mills) Severns. In 1871 the family moved to Pleasant township, Knox county, where the father engaged in farming, becoming one of the substantial farmers of his community. Politically, he was a Democrat and was active in public affairs. He was trustee of the township for several years, also filled other public offices. His death occurred in May, 1906; his widow survives, still making her home on the farm in Pleasant township.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac D. Severns, named as

follows: Melissa, now Mrs. Hagaman, of Huron county, Ohio; Sarah married C. A. Hagerty, of California; French W., of this sketch; Edgar C., of Chicago; Clementine, the oldest child, died at the age of twenty-three years.

French W. Severns, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm and educated in the district schools of his home community, later attending the Baptist College at Hillsdale, Michigan, after which he returned home and remained on the farm until his marriage, on November 30, 1891, to Olive E. Hagaman, daughter of John and Julia (Walls) Hagaman, a well-known family of Mt. Vernon.

To Mr. and Mrs. Severns five children have been born, named as follows: Edna M., Robert D., John E., Elizabeth J. and Josephine, all at home at this writing.

For several years following his marriage, Mr. Severns farmed in Pleasant township, and in 1900 he left the farm and moved to Mt. Vernon, where he has since resided, having been active in business affairs and where he has a modern and attractive home.

Politically, Mr. Severns is a Democrat and he has taken much more than a passing interest in public affairs since reaching maturity. He was clerk of Pleasant township for a number of years, also a member of the board of education. As a public servant he has always performed his duties faithfully and acceptably. In November, 1899, he was elected treasurer of Knox county, and his record was so eminently satisfactory that he was re-elected in 1901, serving for a period of four years. He has served almost continuously for fifteen years as a member of the Democratic county executive committee and he has always been prominent in the councils of his party. He has also been a frequent delegate to district, county and state conventions. After leaving the treasurer's office he was cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Mt. Vernon for two years, giving the utmost satisfaction to patrons and stockholders. Since severing his connection with the bank he has devoted his attention to his farm and and other business interests. His place in Pleasant township consists of one hundred and eighty acres which is well improved and under a good state of cultivation. He keeps his farm well stocked with good grades of live stock of various kinds.

Mr. Severns is a member of the Mt. Vernon board of review which is operated by the state tax commissioner, for a period of five years. He belongs to the Masonic order and all the Masonic bodies, including the commandery. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family are members of the Methodist

Episcopal church, he being one of the board of trustees and an active member in the church, also the Sunday school. His home is at No. 301 North Gay street and is prominent in the local social life, the family having been popular in all circles in which they move since coming to Mt. Vernon.

ROLLIN C. MITCHELL.

One of the well-known citizens of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is Rollin C. Mitchell, who enjoys distinctive prestige among the enterprising men of this locality, having fought his way onward and upward in industrial circles, and in every relation of life his voice and influence have been on the side of right as he sees and understands the right. Like his worthy father before him, he has always been interested in every enterprise for the general welfare of the community and liberally supports every movement calculated to benefit his fellow men, and therefore enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Mitchell was born on April 7, 1847, in Chesterville, Knox county, now a part of Morrow county, Ohio. He was the son of William and Lucy (Brown) Mitchell, the father born near Fredericktown, July 15, 1811. William Mitchell, grandfather of the subject, came to this country from Pennsylvania about 1805, one of the earliest pioneers, he having been commissioned by the government as agent for government lands of this section of the Northwestern Territory, and here he spent the remainder of his life, dying at his home near Fredericktown, Knox county, in 1848. He is described as a brave man of strong characteristics. Thus the Mitchells have been well known in this locality for more than a century. William Mitchell, father of the subject, was reared in the pioneer forest home here and obtained a meager education in the old log school houses of his day. As a young man he learned the trade of ax maker, winning thereby the sobriquet of "the ax maker," by which he was widely known, and it is said of him that he made a most excellent ax and that his axes felled more trees of Knox county than any other make. Most of his life was spent in this county, but the machine-made axes supplanting his business, he turned his attention to tool making and dressing, and for a number of years he sold machinery for the Cooper Company of Mt. Vernon, though he was known all his life as "the ax man." Soon after his marriage he moved to Illinois and was a resident in the same district in which Abraham Lincoln resided, and at one

time Lincoln won a lawsuit for Mr. Mitchell. The latter returned to Ohio in 1846 and located at Chesterville, where the subject was born, later moved to Centerburg, this county, where the family lived for about ten years, and in the spring of 1864 moved to Mt. Vernon, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on December 9, 1909, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years and five months, his wife having preceded him to the silent land in 1878. William Mitchell was active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, having been a class leader and exhorter, a devout churchman, and he was an acquaintance and on friendly terms with many of the church dignitaries of his time. He was a man of exemplary character, charitable and hospitable.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell, three of whom died in infancy, the other five growing to maturity, namely: Naomi, deceased, was the wife of Henry A. Hyatt; Emma L., also deceased, was the wife of Captain Harrison; Stephen Lewis Y. was a captain in the Union army during the Civil war and breveted major at the close of the war; Rollin C., of this sketch; Sarah is deceased; Luella lives in Mt. Vernon.

Rollin C. Mitchell was educated in the schools of Centerburg and Mt. Vernon, and when a young man he learned the jewel-maker's trade with Levi Stone, of Mt. Vernon, for whom he worked for some time, later working in Mt. Gilead and Coshocton, being very skilled in this line of endeavor.

Mr. Mitchell was married on November 22, 1871, to Perliette O. Stauffer, daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Brown) Stauffer, her father having been a merchant in Mt. Vernon for many years, building up an excellent business, which is still continued by his son, Almon F. Stauffer. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, namely: Clifton A. lives in Columbus, Ohio; Florence D. married Halbert M. Eggleston, of Mt. Vernon; LuNylla married John Whitford, of Mt. Vernon; Harry O. lives in Mt. Vernon; Lena A. married Vincent Welker, of Gambier, Ohio; Lucy M. married Phillip J. Brereton, of Mt. Vernon.

In March, 1872, Mr. Mitchell engaged with Mr. Stauffer, his father-in-law, as a clerk, with whom he remained for a period of twenty-three years, assisting very materially in building up a lucrative business. Then he went into business for himself, men's and women's furnishings, under the firm name of R. C. Mitchell, Son & Company. This continued successfully for six years, during which time he enjoyed an excellent trade with the town and surrounding country. He then traveled for two and one-half years for the Patric Furnace Company of Springfield, Ohio. During the five years following this he kept books for B. E. Salesbury. Since 1908 he has been in charge of the third ward school building.

Politically, Mr. Mitchell is a Republican and he has always been active in public matters. For four years he served as city treasurer. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in church work. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order and the Knights and Ladies of Honor, his wife being a member of the latter also. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters and the Ben Hur lodge. The pleasant home of the family is located at No. 113 East Lamartine street, Mt. Vernon.

DR. JOSEPH WENGER.

The science of osteopathy has gained so rapidly in universal favor during the past few years that it is safe to say that it is only in very remote sections of the Union that it is not known, and as it is better understood and its praiseworthy results more apparent it has come rapidly into favor, the plausableness of its theory appealing to the contemplative mind readily, and so those who have set themselves the task of practicing it are now finding a fertile soil, as it were, and their offices are, as a rule, crowded with patients, even in the smaller cities. This science has a very able exponent in the person of Dr. Joseph Wenger, of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, who has within a comparatively short time built up a very satisfactory practice. Doctor Wenger was born August 17, 1854, in Adair county, Missouri, and he is the son of John and Elizabeth (Hoofer) Wenger. The father was born in Germany and was brought to the United States when three years of age, the family locating in Pennsylvania, later coming to Ohio, thence to Missouri in 1850. The Doctor's mother came from Switzerland, when she was ten years of age, with her parents, who settled first in Missouri, where she grew to womanhood, met and married John Wenger. They are both deceased.

The son, Joseph Wenger, spent his youth on the home farm which he worked during the summer months and attended the district schools in the winter time, and he remained under his parental roof-tree until his marriage, November 26, 1874, to Eliza A. Bragg, daughter of William E. and Martha (Murphy) Bragg. This family came from the state of Virginia to Kentucky in an early day, Mrs. Wenger's father being born in the latter state. Later the family moved to Illinois, thence to Missouri. The maternal ancestry of Mrs. Wenger, the Murphys, came from Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg were married in Missouri and there spent their lives on a farm in Adair county.

After leaving the army Mr. Harter entered the Heidelberg Preparatory School at Tiffin, Ohio, where he spent three years; while there he taught school at different periods and prosecuted his studies. Later he entered Adelbert College at Cleveland in the fall of 1871 and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1875, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and later he was given the degree of Master of Arts. Thus exceptionally well equipped for life's duties, he turned his attention to teaching. He became principal of the Greenville high school, successfully filling this position for five years, then he was senior high school teacher at Dayton for one year, then went to the Sidney (Ohio) high school, where he remained five years. The next seven years he spent at Celina, Ohio, as superintendent of public schools. Although he has established a state-wide reputation as an educator, giving eminent satisfaction wherever he worked, he finally tired of the school room and turned his attention to journalism and became editor and publisher of the *Celina Observer*, continuing in that work for three years. In 1895 he came to Mt. Vernon and here he has continued to reside. He continued in the newspaper business one year after coming to Knox county.

Mr. Harter is a stalwart Republican and he has always been active in party affairs and while in newspaper work he did much for the success of the party in his community. In 1900 he was elected mayor of Mt. Vernon, serving one term of two years, during which time he did much for the permanent good of this city and won the admiration of all classes by his commendable course. In 1905 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term of justice of the peace, serving thus two years. In 1907, having made a most satisfactory record in this office, he was elected to the same for a full term of four years and he is still incumbent of this office the duties of which he has discharged with an ability and fidelity that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. His decisions have been characterized by fairness and they have met with few reverses at the hands of higher tribunals. While living in Shelby county, Ohio, he served as county school examiner for four years. He holds a high school life teacher's certificate, to teach all branches.

Mr. Harter was married on October 18, 1877, to Flora Meeker, daughter of James and ——— (Hetzler) Meeker, of Greenville, a prominent family in the public life of that city. To the subject and wife five children have been born, namely: Lowell M. is married and is engaged in the newspaper business at Canton. Marian married L. V. Armentrout, of Louisville, Kentucky. James lives at Three Rivers, Michigan; George A. lives in Mt. Vernon; one child died in infancy.

Mr. Harter belongs to the Masonic order and Joe Hooker Post No. 25, Grand Army of the Republic. He served as adjutant of the post for several years and he is the present commander. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and are active in church and Sunday school work. The pleasant family home is at No. 111 East Lamartine street, Mt. Vernon. It is modernly furnished and in it may be seen an excellent library where the subject is wont to spend a great deal of time, "losing himself in other men's minds" and keeping acquainted with current topics and the world's best literature. He has always been a student and is therefore a scholarly and cultured gentleman, genial, obliging and hospitable, a man whom it is a pleasure to meet.

JOSEPH McCORMICK.

It is not only pleasant, but profitable as well, to study the life history of such a worthy gentleman as he whose name forms the heading of this biographical memoir, the late Joseph McCormick, of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, for in it we find evidence of traits of character that cannot help but make for success in the life of any one who directs his efforts, as he did, along proper paths with persistency and untiring zeal, toward a worthy goal, having had as his guide through life, upright principles.

The ancestors of the McCormick family are of ancient Scotch lineage, traced in an unbroken line through the progenitor of this branch of the American family, James McCormick, whose name is signed to an address to William and Mary, dated July 29, 1689, and their coat of arms denotes Crusader ancestry and military fortitude. The McCormick name has become closely identified with many important enterprises and much that made for material, civic and moral progress in this country as well as in Scotland and Ireland.

Joseph McCormick was born December 21, 1828, in Perry county, Ohio, the son of Samuel McCormick and Malvina (Pence-Albright) McCormick. The subject's father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Virginia, and they came to Ohio with the early pioneers and the family moved to Seneca county, this state, in 1829, where the father became a large land owner and interested in manufacturing; however, he gave his attention principally to his extensive land interests in the vicinity of Tiffin.

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Mr. Harter belongs to the Masonic order and Joe Hooker Post No. 25, Grand Army of the Republic. He served as adjutant of the post for several years and he is the present commander. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and are active in church and Sunday school work. The pleasant family home is at No. 111 East Lamartine street, Mt. Vernon. It is modernly furnished and in it may be seen an excellent library where the subject is wont to spend a great deal of time, "losing himself in other men's minds" and keeping acquainted with current topics and the world's best literature. He has always been a student and is therefore a scholarly and cultured gentleman, genial, obliging and hospitable, a man whom it is a pleasure to meet.

JOSEPH McCORMICK.

It is not only pleasant, but profitable as well, to study the life history of such a worthy gentleman as he whose name forms the heading of this biographical memoir, the late Joseph McCormick, of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, for in it we find evidence of traits of character that cannot help but make for success in the life of any one who directs his efforts, as he did, along proper paths with persistency and untiring zeal, toward a worthy goal, having had as his guide through life, upright principles.

The ancestors of the McCormick family are of ancient Scotch lineage, traced in an unbroken line through the progenitor of this branch of the American family, James McCormick, whose name is signed to an address to William and Mary, dated July 29, 1689, and their coat of arms denotes Crusader ancestry and military fortitude. The McCormick name has become closely identified with many important enterprises and much that made for material, civic and moral progress in this country as well as in Scotland and Ireland.

Joseph McCormick was born December 21, 1828, in Perry county, Ohio, the son of Samuel McCormick and Malvina (Pence-Albright) McCormick. The subject's father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Virginia, and they came to Ohio with the early pioneers and the family moved to Seneca county, this state, in 1829, where the father became a large land owner and interested in manufacturing; however, he gave his attention principally to his extensive land interests in the vicinity of Tiffin.

Joseph McCormick, of this review, spent his boyhood amid pioneer conditions. He studied designing and learned the cabinet-maker's trade at

Tiffin, becoming a designer of much ability and his products were eagerly sought for by eastern manufacturers. He came to Mt. Vernon in 1849 and was married on January 12, 1854, to Elizabeth McDowell, daughter of Daniel and Patience (Eaton-Elliott) McDowell, of Mt. Vernon, both early pioneer families of the Buckeye state; in 1848 Daniel McDowell was postmaster at Mt. Vernon and a prominent citizen in the early days.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, six of whom are now living.

Up to the time of his death, January 26, 1911, Mr. McCormick was actively engaged in mercantile business, covering a period of sixty-two years of continuous business in Mt. Vernon, a record not attained by any other resident of this city, and he was successful, for he was an honest and obliging gentleman whom everybody trusted and respected. Mr. McCormick was always a loyal Republican, and while he was never active in party affairs, he was interested and well informed on all public matters. He belonged to the First Congregational church, which he joined in March, 1867, and was a devout churchman. Being of a conservative disposition, he performed his duties as a broad-minded citizen in a quiet, unobtrusive way. The business he conducted so long is now continued by his son, William Edwin McCormick.

The family home has long been known as one of wholesome social atmosphere and good cheer, and no family in the county has stood higher than the McCormicks.

JOHN COOPER.

It is both gratifying and profitable to enter record concerning such a man as he whose name appears at the head of this life record, and in the following outline sufficient will be said to indicate the forceful individuality, initiative power and sterling character which have had such a decided influence in making their possessor a leader in enterprises requiring the highest order of business talent, and to gain for him wide publicity among those who shape and direct policies of more than ordinary consequence in Knox county and who ranks among the most representative of her citizens.

John Cooper, well known real estate and business man of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, was born three miles northwest of this city, on May 30, 1824, and his long, useful and industrious life has been spent in this vicinity, whose interests he has ever had at heart and sought to promote, and which he has witnessed develop from the pioneer stage to one of the foremost sections of the great

Buckeye state. His youth was spent on the farm of his parents, Cary and Elizabeth (Ruple) Cooper, sterling early settlers of this vicinity, they having come from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and settled in the woods in Morris township, Knox county, in 1811. There they erected a rude log cabin, began clearing a farm, and, by hard work and economy, became very comfortably established in due course of time. This country was then wild and sparsely settled, still being the abode of Indians and many varieties of wild game. These parents had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: James, born February 26, 1804, died in 1834; Phoebe, born February 1, 1806, died April 15, 1854; Ann, born July 13, 1808, died September 14, 1832; Charles, born February 2, 1811, died February 7, 1901; Elias, born February 26, 1813, died August 16, 1850; Lewis, born May 20, 1818, died August 18, 1845; John, of this review; Nancy, born August 1, 1827, died April 17, 1911, the immediate subject of this sketch being the only surviving member of the family. The father of these children was born on July 29, 1781, and died April 20, 1831; his wife was born March 11, 1784, and died on December 25, 1868; both are buried in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. They were devout Presbyterians and they reared their children in that faith.

John Cooper, of this review, had little opportunity to obtain an education, but got what he could in the log cabin schools of his district during the winter months, until he was fourteen years of age, when he was bound to a coppersmith and as an apprentice he thus mastered the trade in three years, buying his unexpired term when he was seventeen years of age and he engaged in business for himself on the west side of the public square in Mt. Vernon. Two years later he engaged in the stove and sheet iron business in what was known as the old market house on the square. He was married on March 17, 1844, to Eliza Murphy, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hanna) Murphy, an early pioneer family who came from Washington county, Pennsylvania. This union resulted in the birth of three children: John E., deceased; Hugh N., deceased; and Ella, who resides with her father. The wife and mother passed away on January 26, 1883.

Mr. Cooper continued in business in the old market house, which he had purchased, for several years. In 1848 he erected a building on the east side of the square where the *Banner* newspaper is now located, and there he continued the stove and tin business. In 1854 he engaged in the foundry business with his brother Charles and he began the manufacture of stoves, which grew to include the manufacture of plows, farm machinery, portable engines, grist mill machinery, this really being Mt. Vernon's first manufacturing industry and it did much to advertise the town abroad, the plant grow-

ing to large proportions and employing many men, the products finding a wide and ready market. The partnership with his brother Charles continued until 1869, when John Cooper withdrew and purchased the General C. P. Buckingham Foundry at the foot of Main street, and he continued that business along the same lines as when with his brother, enjoying a very liberal patronage. Mr. Cooper managed the sales department and spent considerable time on the road, selling goods direct to the purchaser, and he built up a very satisfactory business, which was continued by him until 1893, when the Buckingham plant was destroyed by fire, all except the foundry. A portion of the plant was rebuilt and business continued until 1895, when Mr. Cooper sold his interest, since which time he has been engaged in the real estate and fire insurance business and has built up a very satisfactory patronage. He maintains his office in his own building, the substantial Cooper block, on the east side of the square.

In politics Mr. Cooper was originally an abolitionist and from the formation of the Republican party he has been a loyal supporter of the same, but has never been an office seeker. He was a warm personal friend of President Lincoln, and it is a well known fact of inside history that Mr. Lincoln named May 30, Mr. Cooper's birthday, as Decoration day. He was also a friend of Hayes, Garfield, McKinley and many other prominent men of the party. He was long an intimate friend of John Sherman. During the latter half of his life he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is the oldest member and the oldest past grand master of the same in Knox county. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational church, in fact is the oldest member of the local church; he has long been active in church work. He has always been a busy man of affairs and yet in his old age he maintains a keen interest in and a close touch with all business and public matters. He has been a great influence for progress and general good in the community where he has for so many years been a prominent factor and where he is so universally esteemed.

In his active days as a manufacturer, Mr. Cooper had considerable of a national reputation and did a great deal of work for the United States government, having put in, among other things, the first steel and glass patent model cases in the patent office building at Washington. The cast iron lighthouse at Hell Gate was built by him, as were many other lighthouses in the country. The government also bought of him a number of saw mill outfits for use in clearing their Indian reservations.

Mr. Cooper was instrumental in securing the State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis just outside of Mt. Vernon, as the site he labored for so successfully was finally selected as being the finest in the state.

JOHN WADHAMS RUSSELL, M. D.

No history of the medical profession in Knox county would be complete without a biographical notice of the physician whose name heads this article. The following was written of this distinguished physician for the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in August, 1887, by Dr. F. C. Larimore, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, who is in a position to give an unbiased view concerning Dr. Russell. His estimate of him is as follows:

John Wadhams Russell, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, was born in Canaan, Litchfield county, Connecticut, on January 28, 1804. His father, Hon. Stephen Russell, was repeatedly elected a member of the Connecticut Legislature, and his grandfather, Jonathan Russell, commanded a brig under General Lafayette's letters of marque in 1778. Doctor Russell's mother was Sarah Wadhams, of Goshen, Connecticut. His education until his thirteenth year was received at the common schools of Litchfield, whither his father removed in 1808. Then he was sent to Morris Academy, and under Rev. Truman Marsh pursued his studies and was prepared for and admitted to Hamilton College in 1821. He pursued his classical studies with the Rev. Mr. Langdon, of Bethlehem, Connecticut, one year, as his impaired health would permit, and in the fall of 1823 went South. He took charge of an academy at Red Bank, Colleton district, South Carolina, six months and then commenced his professional studies with Doctor Sheridan, a scientific and noble-hearted Quaker. Returning to Connecticut, he attended the medical lectures at Yale College one course, and then going to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, there attended the lectures in Berkshire Medical College. Subsequently, going to Philadelphia, he was a private pupil of Dr. George McClellan, and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1827. Returning to Litchfield, he there began the practice of his profession, and remained there one year, during which time he delivered a course of lectures on anatomy and physiology to a private class of young men. In 1828 he removed to Ohio and began practice at Sandusky City, where he remained but a few months, when he moved to Mount Vernon, Knox county. He was a delegate to and member of the Centennial International Medical Congress which met in Philadelphia in 1876. At this meeting of the International Medical Congress Dr. S. D. Gross said: "It gives me much pleasure to introduce to my medical brethren my esteemed friend and classmate, Doctor Russell, whose extreme modesty alone prevented him from being the leading surgeon of the land."

In 1828 Doctor Russell married Eliza, daughter of the Hon. William Beebe, of Litchfield, Connecticut. She died in 1871, having been the mother

of five children. In 1872 Doctor Russell married, in San Francisco, Ellen M. Brown, daughter of Joseph Brown, Esq. She died October 14, 1879.

Doctor Russell was a man of indefatigable industry. During his life he probably performed more physical and mental labor than the majority of his contemporaries, in and out of the profession. His work did not begin with the rising or close with the setting sun, and the day usually allotted to rest found him actively engaged. In his early practice he visited his patients on horseback. While on a professional trip near Gambier in 1836 his horse fell on the ice and injured his knee joint, which resulted in false anchylosis and compelled him to use a crutch afterwards. For a like disability many would have abandoned an active practice, but with him it had no effect, only to intensify his zeal and change the mode of his travel. Mules were called into requisition, and with two of these animals and a carriage he scaled the hills of Knox and adjoining counties for half a century. During the sixty years of his professional life, his instruction was sought by not less than three hundred young men preparing to enter the medical profession. He was a most capable and thorough office preceptor. He imparted instruction to his pupils by recitations, dissections, demonstrations and oral instructions, and by his own exemplary conduct taught them medical ethics. He elicited the profound admiration and respect of his pupils, and inspired them with enthusiasm in their studies. In his journeys to his patients he would take a student and his text-book, conduct the recitation en route, and when darkness or other cause intervened no time would be lost, for now came the memorable quiz over past work, and for which he was truly famous. That his office was an uncomfortable place for a lazy student, and that the Doctor had no patience with a man who would not work his brain is shown by an extract from a letter to the late Dr. William Morrow Beach, of London, Ohio: "For fifty-nine years it has been my happy lot to serve the afflicted conscientiously, faithfully, and I wish I might add judiciously. This I cannot always say. I have prayed for wisdom, and would advise the same to my juniors. The great sin in our profession is indolence. A man is responsible not only to do as well as he knows, but to use his faculties to know what to do."

It was in general surgery that he took most interest and found most pleasure. He regarded anatomical knowledge as the true basis of all success and skill in surgery. Living in a country where it is necessary to be a general practitioner in medicine and surgery, he performed most of the so-called capital operations, such as lithotomy, herniotomy, and all the most important amputations, except that of the hip-joint, and many of the more delicate operations, as that for cataract, etc., and with almost uniform success. He was

careful to keep pace with the advances in medicine. In all matters he faithfully followed his convictions of duty regardless of the sacrifice of self which such a course might require. He was tendered the professorship of surgery in several medical colleges, but declined them all, preferring to remain in private practice. He was an active Christian, ever ready to perform those duties which the love of Christ devolved upon him. He had an hypertrophied prostate for eighteen years, the pain and other resulting inconveniences of which he bore with fortitude and without a murmur. Retention of urine and uraemia caused his death on March 22, 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He died as many had predicted, "in the harness," having prescribed for patients up to within forty-eight hours of his death.

F. C. LARIMORE.

SOLON B. ACKLEY.

One of the progressive young agriculturists of southeastern Knox county is Solon B. Ackley. Without much outside assistance, the success he has achieved is due largely to his own efforts. Strong determination, persistence in the pursuit of an honorable purpose, unflagging energy and keen discrimination—these are the salient features in his career and his life stands in unmistakable evidence that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is the outcome of earnest and well directed effort.

Mr. Ackley was born on August 30, 1873, on a farm in Clay township, Knox county. He is the son of John and Martha (Woodruff) Ackley. The father was born on a farm in Licking county and the mother in Knox county. Grandfather Philetus Ackley came to Knox county from Licking county in an early day and settled in Clay township in 1840 and here he developed a good farm. The father of the subject also spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits and he became a large landowner and one of the influential men of his community. Politically, he was a Democrat, but he was not a man who sought the emoluments of public positions, preferring to lead a home life. His death occurred on April 3, 1902, his wife having preceded him to the silent land on September 19, 1891. Both are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Martinsburg.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ackley, namely: Eva, deceased; Olive married Frank Penn, of Clay township; Lucilla, deceased; Solon B., of this review; Cora is single and is living with the subject.

Solon B. Ackley was reared on the home farm, where he worked during

his boyhood days, and he received his education in the country district schools and the schools of Martinsburg. He has remained unmarried and has always devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He has an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation and on which he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. Nature has signally favored him in that there are six producing gas wells on his land, which are sources of no small part of his annual income.

Mr. Ackley is not a member of any church, though he is a supporter of the local congregations and, in fact, lends his aid to all movements having as their object the betterment of the locality in any way.

Mr. Ackley was one of the promoters of the Knox-Licking Telephone Company, and was president of the company for some time, its large success being due in no small measure to his able management and judicious council. He has been active in its affairs from the first. He is a public-spirited citizen, as already indicated, and is an especial advocate of good roads. He finds recreation in his automobile and other outdoor diversions. He is a good mixer and is well liked by all who know him.

CURTIS ELMER McMANNIS.

Among the citizens of Knox county who have forged their way to the front by sheer force of will and individual merit rather than by the influence and material assistance of others, no better or worthier example than that of Curtis Elmer McMannis, the able and popular superintendent of the Knox county infirmary, could be found. He is a man of excellent judgment, progressive ideas, high character and straightforward business principles, which account for his uniform success. Being thus careful in his calculations, resourceful in his dealings and eminently honorable in his relations with others, people have always reposed confidence in his word and his integrity has ever been above criticism.

Mr. McMannis was born on January 6, 1869, on a farm three miles east of Mt. Vernon, in Monroe township. He is the son of Lenhart and Rebecca Jane (Laffarrie) McMannis, the father a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Monroe township, Knox county, Ohio. The father was about seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county, and here he grew up and devoted his life to farming, becoming a man of

influence in his community, and here he and his wife still reside, engaged in farming in Monroe township.

The son, Curtis E., spent his young manhood days with his father on a rented farm, where he assisted with the general work, and he received his education in the common schools of his vicinity. He is the eldest of a family of eight children. His parents needing his help in raising the family, he was compelled to go to work as soon as old enough, consequently his early schooling was somewhat neglected. He remained under his parental roof-tree until he was twenty years of age, when he engaged with C. A. Young just east of Mt. Vernon for farm work, remaining with Mr. Young and his son for a period of twenty years, working by the month. When he was first employed there he missed only three days during eleven years and three months from his regular work on the farm and that was the occasion of his wedding, and during all this time he slept away from the farm but three nights. This is indeed a most remarkable record and would be hard to beat.

Mr. McMannis was married on December 31, 1891, to Angie Houck, daughter of William and Rachael (Dial) Houck, of College township, this county. This union has resulted in the birth of one daughter, Orpha B., who is at home with her parents.

After his marriage Mr. McMannis continued to work for Mr. Young by the month, living on his farm until January, 1909, when he was appointed superintendent of the Knox county infirmary and infirmary farm and he is still serving in that capacity, his wife being matron of the institution. He has charge of the farm of three hundred and twenty-seven acres for the county besides the infirmary institution with its sixty inmates. He engages in general farming and stock raising of all kinds and has met with great success.

Most of the products of the farm go toward the maintenance of the infirmary. Mr. McMannis has placed the farm under a high state of cultivation and improvement and his services in this connection have reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned, proving the wise judgment of those who placed him in charge here. He is recognized as one of the most progressive, thorough and painstaking farmers in the county, and his management of the inmates is in every way commendable.

Politically, Mr. McMannis is a Democrat and he has always been interested in public matters and has been active in local affairs. He was trustee of Monroe township for eight years, filling the office very worthily indeed. He has been a frequent delegate to party conventions. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Knights of the Maccabees. His wife is a very competent associate in the management of the infirmary and a woman

of fine qualities and tact and her advice and encouragement have been of great help to the subject, and they are both held in high esteem by all who know them.

BURCHARD BLAINE FERENBAUGH.

The life of the subject of this review has been such as to bear aloft the high standard which has been maintained by his father, one of the sterling pioneer residents of Knox county and whose life was singularly noble, upright and useful, one over which falls no shadow of wrong in thought, word or deed. Such was the type of men who laid the foundation and aided in the development of this favored section of the great Buckeye commonwealth, and to their memories will ever be paid a tribute of reverence and gratitude by those who have profited by their well directed endeavors and appreciated the lessons of their lives. Burchard Blaine Ferenbaugh, one of the most successful of the younger generations of agriculturists of Union township, is in every respect a worthy son of a worthy sire, having proved to be signally true to every trust reposed in him and keeping untarnished the bright escutcheon of the honored family name.

Mr. Ferenbaugh was born on September 13, 1878, in Harrison township, Knox county. He is the son of Leo and Amanda (Doup) Ferenbaugh, the father born on the farm in Union township, Knox county, Ohio, where the son resides; the mother was also a native of this county. Here they grew to maturity, received their educational training in the common schools and were married. The father devoted his life principally to the farm implement business, with headquarters in Buckeye City, and was an extensive and successful business man, having enjoyed a large trade with a wide territory. He was active in public matters, and a Prohibitionist in politics, taking much more than a passing interest in his party. He served as a member of the township school board for a number of years. Leo Ferenbaugh was born on October 20, 1843, and his death occurred on March 25, 1904. He was the son of Fidela and Eliza (Draper) Ferenbaugh. His father emigrated to America from Germany in 1830, and was engaged for a time in the manufacture and sale of brass clocks. Later he was an extensive farmer and fruit grower. The father of the subject had two brothers, Joseph and Frank, and a sister, Mary, all of whom are living in Union township, this county. The father was among the first to sell reapers and mowers in Knox county. He was married to Amanda Doup, of Jelloway, whose death occurred on July 19, 1882. This

union resulted in the birth of three children, Burchard Blaine, of this sketch; Luella Lester and Thomas Ludlow, all of whom live in Union township on the old home farm. The father was married a second time, March 23, 1893, to Rachel Alice Wheeler, of West Bedford, Coshocton county, Ohio, who is still living. Leo Ferenbaugh was widely known and held in the highest esteem by all. He was a man of strong convictions and unimpeachable honesty, far-seeing business ability and a safe counselor. He was always active in questions that pertained to his community, liberal with his time and money for the promotion of moral causes. He held various public positions, such as a member of the board of education.

Burchard B. Ferenbaugh, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm, and he attended the district schools when a boy, later the Danville high school and then the State University at Columbus for two years. He had long entertained an ambition to enter the legal profession and with this end in view he went to the Law School of the University of Chicago, where he made an excellent record and from which institution he was graduated in 1907. Before going to college he taught school three years in the public schools of Gambier. After being admitted to the bar he located in Chicago, where he remained one year, and upon the death of his father he returned to the old home for the purpose of managing the farm and here he has since remained, successfully carrying on the work inaugurated by the elder Ferenbaugh, this place having been in the family's possession ever since the grandfather, Fidela Ferenbaugh, secured it upon his arrival from the old country in 1830, and they intend keeping it in the family. Although the subject has been kept busy looking after the farm, he has found time to continue the practice of the law and has enjoyed a good business in this line and has taken a high place at the Knox county bar, having met with uniform success as a counselor and advocate. He has continued his studies and has kept well abreast of the times in his profession. He has shown a profound knowledge of jurisprudence and is a careful, conscientious and painstaking worker, sparing no pains to secure what is right for his client. Politically, he is a Democrat and has always been active in public matters and a frequent delegate to party conventions. Fraternally, he is a Mason, belonging to Antioc Lodge at Danville.

Mr. Ferenbaugh has never married. He possesses a social nature and kindly attitude to those about him, and has won the respect and confidence of everyone. He has been very successful, being known as a careful business man and one whose integrity of purpose is beyond question. He is a very busy man and but few moments pass that do not see him busily engaged with the affairs of life.

JACOB MITCHAEL BRYANT.

It will always be a badge of honor in this country to have it known that a person's father, or even his uncle, enlisted in the service of the country when the great rebellion broke out, to assist in saving the Union and to eradicate slavery from our soil. Just as to this day we boast that our grandfather or great-grandfather fought in the Revolution to gain independence, or carried a musket in the war of 1812 to protect our rights on the ocean, so the descendants of the gallant soldiers who fought during the Rebellion to save the honor of the Stars and Stripes will boast through the coming centuries of the bravery and self-sacrifice of their fathers or other relatives. And this is as it should be. Slavery was wrong, and although the war was for the salvation of the Union, it was made the medium at a later stage to free the slaves and wipe from our flag the last vestige of reproach. It is a pleasure to write of the career of Jacob Mitchael Bryant, well known citizen of Fredericktown, Knox county, who was one of the "boys in blue" who went forth to die on the field or in the no less dreadful fever camp, if need be, for the salvation of the country.

Mr. Bryant was born in Wayne township, this county, on October 18, 1837, on a farm four miles southwest of Fredericktown. He is the son of William and Mariah L. Bryant; the father came from New Jersey in 1804 and the mother's people from Virginia some years later. Grandfather James Bryant was a large landowner and was active in the affairs of the early pioneers. The father of the subject devoted his life to farming and he stood high with the people of his community.

Jacob M. Bryant has spent all his life on the old home farm and here he still resides, having kept the old place under a high state of improvement and cultivation. He received his education in the country district schools. He was married in January, 1867, to Jennie Dickey, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Dickey, a highly respected Wayne township family, both parents having died a number of years ago.

One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, William P., who is married and is living at home, assisting his father with the management of the place, which consists of two hundred acres of as good land as the township can boast, and which has been so skillfully managed as to retain its original fertility. In connection with general farming Mr. Bryant has long been widely known as a dealer in fine horses for the eastern market and no small part of his annual income is derived from this source. He has always been a lover of a good horse and no better judge of horses could be found in

his locality. Young Bryant is also something of a horseman and takes much interest in this phase of their work. They buy in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa as well as Ohio, and bring them here. They formerly handled road horses principally, but since automobiles have become so generally used, they now handle only draft horses. Although they are well known in the eastern markets, the Bryants sell principally at home; owing to the superior quality of their stock they never fail to bring fancy prices when offered for sale. Most of the horses not sold here go to New York, where they are used for heavy trucks. They have been in this business for many years and are widely known as a result of the same. The Arbuckle coffee people have taken many of their horses, as well as other large concerns.

Both father and son are Republicans, and while they take an abiding interest in public affairs they have never sought office. Mr. Bryant belongs to the Wayne Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. His commodious, imposing and modernly appointed home is one of the most attractive in the county, and everything about the Bryant place indicates thrift, prosperity and good management.

Mr. Bryant was but a boy at the commencement of the great war between the states, but in the fall of 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served very faithfully for a period of three years in the Army of the Cumberland and he saw much hard service and took part in many hard-fought engagements. His time had expired when Sherman made his march to the sea, so he did not accompany his regiment on this campaign. He was taken prisoner at Lafayette, Tennessee, but was soon afterwards paroled and was sent home.

Personally, Mr. Bryant and his son are men of integrity, honest, genial and obliging, and they have the good will and respect of their many acquaintances.

STEPHEN W. SEVITS.

The backbone of this country is made up of the families which have made their homes; who are alive to the best interests of the community in which they reside; who are so honest that it is no trouble for their neighbors to know it, and who attend to their own business, being too busy to bother themselves about the affairs of others; who work on steadily from day to day, taking the sunshine with the storm and who rear a self-respecting, law-abiding family to a comfortable home and an honest life. Such people are always

welcome in any country and in any community. They are wealth producers, and Knox county, Ohio, has been blessed with many such, among which is the Sevits family, of which the subject of this review is a worthy representative.

Stephen W. Sevits was born on March 7, 1869, in Tiverton township, Coshocton county, Ohio, and he is the son of William and Jane (Workman) Sevits, and he is a brother of Irven Sevits, whose sketch appears in another part of this work. For a full history of this family the reader is referred to that sketch. Suffice it to say here that the family of the subject on both sides of the house were influential and highly respected in their communities.

Stephen W. Sevits was reared on a farm where he spent his youth, engaged, during the crop seasons, at work in the fields and in the winter time he attended the public schools of Tiverton township, also the schools of Mt. Vernon and the Danville Academy, thus becoming well educated. He was married on December 31, 1891, to Matilla Conkle, daughter of William and Sarah (Roof) Conkle, a well known family of Union township, and to the subject and wife five children were born, namely: William Howard is a student in the Danville high school; Bernard is deceased; May, Ruth, Orice Pearl.

Following his marriage the subject engaged in farming in Union township, this county, for two and one-half years, then engaged in the mercantile business at Cavallo, Coshocton county, for two years, after which he went to Zuck, Butler township, Knox county, and there continued merchandising for two years. In the fall of 1898 he gave up the store business, although he had met with a fair measure of success in the same, and turned his attention once more to farming and stock raising, also breeding thoroughbred Delaine sheep. In March, 1905, he bought his present farm in Union township, three miles southeast of Danville, and here he has since resided, making a success of both general farming and stock raising, especially with his sheep, which he raises for breeding purposes, and his flocks, being the very finest of their kind in the country, attract widespread attention and find a very ready market. There are no better in the state. Some ewe fleece will weigh twenty-six pounds and some ram fleece as high as thirty-four pounds. These thoroughbred animals are shipped to all parts of the state and to other states, wherever breeders desire high grade stock, Mr. Sevits' reputation being much more than statewide. The greater part of his farm is devoted to grazing and sheep raising; blue grass pasture and alfalfa hay are his ideal feed. His place consists of one hundred and thirty acres. He has a commodious, modern home in the midst of attractive surroundings, and he has numerous convenient outbuild-

ings, large barns and stock sheds, for the proper care of his stock during the winter season.

Politically, Mr. Sevits is a Republican, but prior to the year 1903 he was a Democrat. He has always been interested and active in public affairs, but he has never been an office seeker. He and his family belong to the Disciples church and have always been active in church work and in the support of the church.

The death of the subject's wife and mother of his children occurred on June 23, 1909, and burial was made in the Workman cemetery at Danville.

Mr. Sevits is a gentleman whose high sense of honor and genial bearing render him popular with his friends and acquaintances. He is public-spirited and withholds his support from no movement calculated to be of general good to the public. He is especially interested in good schools, and has given his children excellent educational advantages, with the result that they are well equipped for life's duties.

LEE DIAL.

He whose career is now taken under consideration and to whom the reader's attention is respectfully directed is numbered among the progressive and successful young citizens of the vicinity of Gambier, Knox county, of which he has been a resident all his life, while he has gained prosperity through his own honest efforts in connection with the development of the natural resources and the subsequent prosperity. Because of his industry, his honesty and public-spirit and his loyalty to all movements looking to the general good of the locality long honored by the residence of the Dial family, he has won the esteem of all who know him.

Lee Dial was born on September 19, 1869, on a farm one mile southeast of Gambier, Ohio, and here his home has always been. He is the son of James and Catherine (Lauderbaugh) Dial, a prominent old family of Knox county, a complete sketch of whom is to be found on another page of this work under the caption, James Dial.

Lee Dial grew to manhood on the home farm and when old enough assisted with the general work about the place, receiving his education in the public schools of Gambier. When a lad he began learning the milling business in the old Dial mill on the Kokosing river, near the Dial home, of which

his father was part owner at the time. He was under the tutelage of Jacob South, who was head miller. This was one of the earliest mills built in this locality, and the subject has been connected with the same ever since, through its various ownerships and operations. It was formerly equipped with the old-fashioned buhr-process and in 1888 the Kenyon Milling Company, composed of W. S. Wing, H. C. Wing and Jacob Snider, came into possession and equipped it with the new roller process and all modern machinery. It then became necessary for Mr. Dial to learn the milling business over again, which he did under Jacob Snider, who was a practical and expert roller mill operator. In 1902 Mr. Dial, with his brother, Richard P. Dial, bought the mill property and operated as Dial Brothers until 1910, when Lee Dial became sole owner, buying his brother's interest and has since operated it with much success. This mill is one of the landmarks in this county and is known to everyone for miles around, its patrons coming from remote sections of the adjacent territory. It was first established in 1824, but it is yet a modern mill in every particular, with a capacity of seventy-five barrels of flour per day. It is still run by water-power. (Many maintain that flour ground by a water-mill is the best made.) It is a great grain trading center for the farmers of this part of the county and it is busy every working day in the year.

In 1909, because of his expert knowledge of streams and construction, Mr. Dial was appointed by the commissioners of Knox county inspector of bridge construction, some very important and expensive bridge work then being done. After serving only a short time he found that his private affairs demanded his attention, so he resigned and was succeeded by his brother, Richard P. Dial, whose interest in the milling business the subject purchased.

Politically, Lee Dial is a Republican and has long been active in public matters. For a number of years he has served as a member of the Republican county central committee, also on the township board of elections, and he has been a frequent delegate to party conventions. He has been a trustee of College township since 1902 and is one of the progressive citizens of the county. He is a member of Kokosing Tribe No. 235, Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Dial has never married. He makes his home with his parents, who reside near the mill property. He is very fond of outdoor sports and is a recognized crack trap shot. He is also much interested in base ball and is a popular umpire with the Kenyon College students and students of other colleges. He likes a good story and is a most enjoyable companion, being genial, a good mixer and a man of many worthy characteristics, yet plain and unassuming.

WILLIAM ALLEN SILCOTT.

If there is one thing which distinguishes the American business man over those of any other country it is the faculty with which any and all occupations are readily taken up by him and made successful. In the older countries it was customary for the son to follow the father's pursuit. It is in such countries as the United States that full swing can be given to the energies of the individual. A man may choose any business or profession he desires, and he is limited only by competition. He must meet the skill of others and give as good service as they, or he will not secure the positions. Such adaptation to any work has been forcibly illustrated in the life of William A. Silcott, whose interesting career shows that he has turned his hand to many things. He is a well known citizen of Mt. Vernon, where the major part of his life has been spent.

Mr. Silcott was born on Sunday, January 7, 1849, in the northeast corner of Ripley township, Holmes county, Ohio, the son of a highly esteemed old family there who were engaged in agricultural pursuits. There he grew to maturity, assisted in the general work of the farm and attended the common schools of Ripley and Monroe townships until the fall of 1864, when he accompanied his parents to Pike township, Knox county, where the family settled, and there the subject attended two winter terms of school, later attending the Mt. Vernon high school for a term in 1866, when Peter Hayes was principal.

For some time Mr. Silcott drove a horse and wagon over the country selling tinware from Fredericktown. He then secured employment as printer's "devil" and typo and worked in this capacity in various printing offices. In the spring of 1870 he obtained a muscle position as janitor with Probate Judge Charles E. Critchfield, and later as "hired hand" or substitute clerk for other offices, from time to time until February, 1882, when he became clerk of courts, which position he held six years in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. Since them he has traveled extensively, his territory being confined to Ohio for a period of twenty years to this date, aside from collection trips in Wisconsin and Nebraska previously, of four and six months each. He made two visits to New York city during the Bryan-McKinley campaign of 1896, but on a political mission. In 1867 he made a two months' trip to Indiana and Iowa, visiting also Chicago and Mississippi river towns, down to St. Louis, thence southwest to Texas county, Missouri, and returned to St. Louis, where he saw his first prize fighter, Mike McCool, just after his victory over Aaron Jones

at Cincinnati. He then went to Indiana and later to Dayton, Ohio, where he attended the state fair, then to Columbus for the first time, then home from a seventy-seven days' trip. In 1877 he went to Chicago, Kansas City and Indian Territory, returning home in August during the great railroad strike, as a result of which he was compelled to walk a part of the way.

At present, owing to age of sixty-three, Mr. Silcott is more or less on the retired list, though in good health. He devotes his time to abstracting land titles and making collections. He reads considerable of history, politics and current events. Of the former he has written much about Ohio, having visited every county of the state from two to a dozen or more times. Has some historical and statistical typewritten manuscript for posterity to peruse in the future. Mr. Silcott has been married and has but one child, a single daughter, and but few relatives. He has been an attendant at Sunday schools and churches from boyhood and yet for want of the moving spirit, is not a member. He has been a member of but one lodge, in early days, the duties and exercises of which are not to his nature and liking. In politics he has always been a Democrat, though not hoop tight.

DAVID W. STRUBLE.

One of the most noteworthy facts connected with country life in the United States is the easy manner in which a vocation may be varied or wholly changed. General Grant, in his memoirs, expressed his surprise and gratification at the easy manner in which his soldiers could carry on all phases of the art of war from their own knowledge of the various trades. They could print a newspaper, build a bridge, cook a meal of victuals to perfection, conduct a flouring mill or saw mill, and in fact could do anything he wanted done. It is the custom in the armies of Europe to take with them on their war campaigns special artificers to do the specific duty or service likely to be required. The truth is that the average soldier of the army of the United States is higher up in the scale of intelligence and improvement than his European brother. He knows more and hence can accomplish more. This fact has been well exemplified in the career of David W. Struble, of Fredericktown, Knox county, both in his army life and his private affairs, for he has ever seemed capable of doing whatever was required of him. Skill like his and that of his honored father before him, while often met with, is not altogether common.

Mr. Struble was born on April 10, 1841, in Fredericktown, Ohio, and he is the son of John D. and Mary (Headley) Struble, who grew up in New Jersey and were married there in 1822, from which state they emigrated in covered wagons of the pioneer type to Fredericktown, this county, in 1832, being among the early settlers, their trip over the woody mountains being tedious and somewhat dangerous. The father was a blacksmith in New Jersey, and after he came to Ohio he followed blacksmithing, milling, farming and merchandising, being always a very busy man of affairs, and he met with reasonable success in whatever line he turned his attention to and was influential in the community in the early days. Politically, he was a Democrat, but he was not an aspirant for office or leadership. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church. His death occurred on May 21, 1875, at the age of eighty-two years, his widow surviving until April 4, 1889, reaching the age of eighty-six years. Both are buried in Fredericktown cemetery.

The son, David W., has spent all his life in Fredericktown with the exception of the years he was in the army during the Civil war. He was educated in the public schools here and when a boy assisted his father with the work on the farm. He enlisted in defense of the Union on August 5, 1861, in Company A, Second New York Volunteer Cavalry, having gone to New Jersey on a visit and enlisted from there. He served very faithfully, according to his comrades, in the Army of Virginia, seeing considerable hard service, participating in many important engagements, but he was never wounded or taken prisoner. For meritorious conduct he was commissioned a corporal. He was discharged on September 14, 1864, having served a little more than three years. After his discharge he returned to Fredericktown and resumed farming. He also engaged in the mercantile business and the livery business with his brother Daniel for about two years. Following this he engaged in the drug business alone, which he conducted for several years. For a number of years he was in the produce business, also handled general merchandise, and finally dealt in boots and shoes exclusively. His business life has been marked with uniform success.

Politically, Mr. Struble is a Democrat, and during President Cleveland's second administration he was postmaster at Fredericktown, serving four years. He has also acted as census enumerator. Since leaving the postoffice he has been living a retired life, giving some attention to chicken raising by modern methods.

Mr. Struble was married on May 10, 1866, to Anna E. Cummings, daughter of James and Christena (McMillen) Cummings, a well known

family of Fredericktown. They have one daughter, Christena, who is living at home.

The subject is a member of the Masons at Fredericktown, also the chapter at Mt. Vernon; he belongs to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. In his father's family there were nine children, only three of whom are living, Daniel, a prominent banker and real estate owner at Fredericktown; William, at Cincinnati, and David W. of this review. The Struble family has been prominent in the development of this community for the past eighty years, as intimated at the beginning of this sketch, and they yet control large interests and are active in the business and civic affairs of the county,—in fact, few names are more prominently associated with the financial interests and material progress of this locality. They have ever sought to do their full duty in all the relations of life and have tried to keep the honor of the family name untarnished.

HARRY S. BUNN.

Conspicuous among the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is Harry S. Bunn, who has spent most of his life in his home community, where he has made his influence felt for good, as has his father before him, the history of the Bunn family being closely interwoven with that of the county for many decades, whose efforts have always been for the advancement of the same as well as for the social and moral uplift. He has led a well regulated life, thereby gaining the respect and admiration of all his fellow citizens, and he is therefore eminently eligible for representation in a biographical work of a scope intended in the present volume.

Mr. Bunn was born in the city of Mt. Vernon on August 4, 1870. He is the son of Ogden S. and Ella (Crandall) Bunn, the father a native of Mt. Vernon also. The Bunn family is of English origin, and they came to Knox county from New Jersey in the pioneer days. The Crandalls were also an early pioneer family and both prominent in the early development of the same, living to see its wonderful growth from the primeval woods to one of the foremost sections of the Buckeye state.

Ogden S. Bunn was a well known painter and decorator contractor, as was also his father, the paternal grandfather of the subject, in fact, the Bunns have long been known as a family of skilled painters and decorators. The

father was a soldier in the Civil war and he had an enviable record as a defender of the national union. His death occurred in 1875, his widow surviving until 1890. The father was a Republican in politics and an intelligent and highly respected citizen.

Harry S. Bunn, of this review, spent his childhood and early youth in Mt. Vernon and here he attended the public school, receiving a fairly good education, which has later in life been supplemented with a wide range of miscellaneous reading. In the year 1880 he and his mother moved to Emporia, Kansas, where they made their home for a period of three years, when they moved to Kansas City. His mother died in Kansas City in 1890. He there began the trade of painter and decorator, following thus in the footsteps of his father and grandfather before him. In 1893 he moved to Chicago and there remained during the Columbian Exposition, probably the greatest world's fair ever held. He returned to Mt. Vernon in 1894. Here the subject worked at his trade with his uncle, G. W. Bunn, and the latter's son until they went out of business in 1907, in which year the subject embarked in business for himself and he has since continued alone. Having won a wide reputaion as a skilled painter and decorator, his services have been in great demand and he is kept constantly busy. He does general contracting in this line and frequently handles some big jobs, his work always being not only adroitly but conscientiously done, so that he has the confidence and good will of all, his work taking him to many surrounding towns as well as Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Bunn was married on June 25, 1897, to Flora Lease, daughter of William and Mary (Allen) Lease, a highly respected Mt. Vernon family, which originally came from Newcastle, Coshocton county, Ohio. This union has resulted in the birth of one son, George.

Politically, Mr. Bunn is a Republican and, while he takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs, he has never been an office seeker.

FRANK L. BENNETT.

In placing Frank L. Bennett, well known hardware dealer of Mt. Vernon, in the front rank of Knox county business men, simple justice is done to a biographical fact, recognized throughout this locality by those at all familiar with his history. A man of rare judgment, sound discretion, keen discernment and business ability of a high order, he has managed with tact-

ful success important enterprises and so impressed his individuality upon the community as to gain recognition among its leading citizens and representative men of affairs.

Mr. Bennett was born April 17, 1864, in Groveport, Franklin county, Ohio, and he is the son of Thomas B. and Anna J. (Patterson) Bennett, both natives of Ohio, the father devoting his life to farming in Franklin county, never becoming a resident of Knox county; they are both now deceased.

Frank L. Bennett lived on the home farm until he was fourteen years of age, and there attended the district schools, then went to Springfield, Ohio, entering the shops of William H. Whiteley, remaining there six years; he then went to Columbus, Ohio, and for four years was in the employ of the Columbus Buggy Company, then after having become very proficient as a mechanic, he went to Galloway, Franklin county, and took charge of the carriage shop of Edward Courtright, and remained there five years, giving his usual high-grade service. He came to Mt. Vernon in 1896 and engaged in the hardware business with A. B. Henderson, under the firm name of Henderson & Bennett. In December, 1901, he sold his interest and in February, 1902, engaged in business for himself at No. 314 South Main street, where he built up a very satisfactory trade and remained until March, 1911, when he moved to more commodious quarters at No. 307 South Main street. He has a neat and attractive store, in which is tastily arranged a large, choice and carefully selected stock of all kinds of hardware, farm implements, tools, plumbers' supplies and builders' supplies, except lumber. He carries on a very extensive and lucrative trade, which is constantly growing, his customers coming from all over the county, for they here find goods of excellent quality, reasonable prices and honest and courteous treatment.

Mr. Bennett is a stockholder in the Mt. Vernon Ice Company, and as a business man he has been very successful. Politically, he is a Republican and is always active for reforms and improved conditions whenever possible. He has never sought office, but has taken an interest in public matters, regarding it as every man's duty to vote and uphold what he believes to be right. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the encampment and the Knights of Pythias, being treasurer of the encampment and the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Bennett was united in marriage on March 22, 1890, to Anna D. Martin, daughter of Dariah and Margaret (Webb) Martin, of Troy, Miami county, Ohio. Both parents are deceased. The modern, pleasant and neatly kept home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, on East Hamtramck street, has been blessed by the birth of one child, an interesting daughter, bearing the name Bernice, who is still a member of the family circle.

Mrs. Bennett belongs to the Baptist church, while Mr. Bennett affiliates with the same, being a liberal supporter and a regular attendant, but not a member. Since coming to Knox county he has won a vast circle of friends among whom he intends spending the balance of his days.

LESTER L. WILLIAMS, M. D.

The county of Knox numbers among its citizens many skillful physicians, lawyers of state repute, well known manufacturers and business men of much more than local reputation, and she is not lacking in men who have achieved distinction in almost all callings requiring intellectual abilities of a high order, and she is proud of them, as she should be. Among the first class mentioned Dr. Lester L. Williams, of Mt. Vernon, occupies a conspicuous place.

Doctor Williams was born on January 15, 1858, near Croton, Licking county, Ohio, on a farm, and he is the son of John W. and Sarah (Scott) Williams, both parents being of Scotch descent, the father having been born in Ohio and the mother in Pennsylvania. About 1869 the family moved to Milford township, Knox county, where the father engaged in farming and also followed threshing grain for many years; he became well established there and was a man whom everybody respected; his death occurred in 1882, after which the widow and family moved to Mt. Vernon, where the widow and mother passed to her rest in 1905.

Doctor Williams spent his youth on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work when not attending the district schools. After coming to Mt. Vernon he attended the city schools and the high school for a time, but did not graduate. Having long cherished a strong desire to study medicine, he entered the office of Doctor Robinson, a prominent physician of Mt. Vernon. In 1879 he took the course at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he made a splendid record and from which he was graduated in 1882. Soon afterwards he located at Reedtown, a village in Seneca county, Ohio, for the practice of his profession, and he remained about eight years, building up a very satisfactory and lucrative practice, when, seeking a broader field for the exercise of his talents and desiring to return home, he came back to Mt. Vernon upon the death of his old preceptor, Doctor Robinson, and here established himself in the practice with his residence and office at the corner of Gay and Gambier streets, at which location

he has remained to the present time, having built up a very large general practice and few men in the profession in this section of Ohio stand higher than he, in the estimation and confidence of the people. He keeps well advised on the newest discoveries in the medical world and he is frequently called in consultation with other physicians on important cases throughout this locality.

Politically, the Doctor is a Republican, but, while active and interested in public matters, he has never been an office seeker, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his profession. Being deeply interested in educational matters, he served nine years as a member of the board of education at Mt. Vernon. He is a member of the Masonic order and active in lodge work, being a member of the Knights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

WILLIAM MILD.

Prominent in the business life of Knox county and as a citizen whose influence extends throughout the locality, the name of William Mild, of Mt. Vernon, stands out conspicuously. Characterized by breadth of wisdom and strong individuality, and in all his enterprises and undertakings actuated by noble motives and high resolves, his success and achievement but represent the result of fit utilization of innate talent in directing effort along those lines where mature judgment and rare discrimination lead the way.

Mr. Mild was born June 11, 1850, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and he is the son of Christian and Fredrica (Rettig) Mild, both natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to America as young people, first settling in St. Louis, Missouri, where they were married. The father proved his loyalty to his adopted country by serving through both the Mexican and Civil wars, serving in a very faithful manner in the latter for three and a half years in the Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was a baker by trade and followed that line of endeavor for many years in the city of Cincinnati, later moving to Hamilton, Ohio, and there he and his wife both died and are buried there.

William Mild was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati and at College Hill. When a young man he learned steam engineering and was a stationary engineer for ten years in Cincinnati. He then moved to Hamilton, Ohio, where he was, for three years, engaged in the galvanized iron business,

which he sold out and became an employe of the Niles Tool Works in that city. He traveled for them through the South and East, establishing machinery, remaining with that firm five or six years, then went with the H. C. Frick Company of Pittsburg, selling ice plant machinery and remained with them eight years, traveling through the Southern and Eastern states. Upon leaving this concern he engaged with the Platt Iron Works of Dayton, Ohio, manufacturers of ice plant machinery, as supplemental of the ice machinery department of their works and he remained with them until 1900, when, owing to ill health, he returned to Hamilton and was retired from business two years. He had given the above named firms, all well known throughout the United States, eminent satisfaction in every respect and he stood high with the officials of the same. In 1902 he came to Mt. Vernon and bought the Quail flour mill, known as the Mt. Vernon Milling Company, which he operated for one year, then sold out and built the Mt. Vernon Ice and Cold Storage Company's plant, of which he was a large stockholder and manager, and he has continued to the present time. Under his able and judicious management the plant has been very successful and has grown rapidly and a large and ever increasing business is carried on. The plant has a capacity of twenty tons per day and has been operated to its full capacity from the first. The plant is modern in every detail and substantial, equipped with the best and latest designed machinery. Mr. Mild gives his undivided attention to the business, and he has the good will and confidence of the business men throughout the locality owing to his courtesy and his honorable methods in all relations of life.

Politically, Mr. Mild is a Republican and, while he is not an office seeker, he keeps well informed on public matters and is interested in his party's welfare. He is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 140, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Mild and his associates, in connection with their ice plant, conduct an extensive coal business, handling all kinds of domestic and steam coals and they have a very large trade in the same. They ship large quantities of their ice to other places, their output being beyond the consumption of Mt. Vernon.

The domestic life of Mr. Mild began on January 16, 1872, when he was united in marriage with Louisa Klinkle, a lady of culture and education, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Imhoof) Klinkle, a prominent family of Hamilton, Ohio. They are the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: Charles L., of Mt. Vernon; William E., of Dayton; Edwin G., of Mt. Vernon; Alvin and Irvin, also of Mt. Vernon; the daugh-

ters are Lena, who is at home; Emma married Timothy Osborn, and they live at Mt. Vernon; Clara is a member of the family circle. The pleasant and attractive home of the Milds is at No. 110 East Chestnut street, in one of the best residence districts in the city.

Mr. Mild is an energetic business man of wide experience and of great capacity, which enable him to quickly grasp a situation and make the most of an opportunity. He is a pleasant, kind and obliging gentleman who makes friends readily.

WILLIAM McGEE.

The record of William McGee, of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is that of a man who has worked his way from a modest beginning up to a position of considerable prominence by his efforts, which have been practically unaided, which fact renders him the more worthy of the praise that is freely accorded him by his fellow men. His life has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance, and the notably systematic and honorable methods he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence and esteem of all who have formed his acquaintance, and in looking over the list of Knox county's business men who have succeeded in their life work, especially those whose place of residence is in the picturesque city of Mt. Vernon, the biographer deems none more worthy of representation in a work of this nature than that of the gentleman whose name appears above.

Mr. McGee was born on January 20, 1847, in the province of New Brunswick, Canada. He is the son of John and Catherine (McCutchin) McGee, who came from Edinburgh, Scotland, to Nova Scotia, after a tedious voyage in an old-time sailing vessel, landing on the shores of the western hemisphere on June 29, 1845. The father was a linen weaver by trade in the old country, but after coming to Canada he engaged in farming. His death occurred on July 1, 1880, his widow surviving until in August, 1892. They never came down to the States.

William McGee, of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm and there he assisted with the general work. He had little opportunity to obtain an education, but, a student by nature, he became self-educated, his parents, who were fairly well educated, assisting him. When he grew to young manhood he was employed in the lumber camps and quarries of Canada. In 1875 he came to the United States, first settling at Manchester, New Hampshire, and worked in the lumber camps during the winter months. In the

spring of 1876 he went to Barre, the great granite country of Vermont. The granite industry was then in its infancy and Mr. McGee became one of the pioneer developers of that great business, which grew to such magnitude as to overshadow all other industries of the commonwealth, giving it the sobriquet of the "Granite state." He went into the quarries with a determination to learn all there was to be known about granite formations and its susceptibility of being worked, remaining there for some time. He then went into the manufacturing department and learned the cutting and designing end of the business, becoming very proficient in this line. He engaged in business for himself with both a quarry and a factory and became thoroughly identified with the industry. In 1904, on account of climatic conditions, he sold his interests in Vermont and came west, locating in the month of April, 1905, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and opened a factory on South Main street. On November 6th of that year he lost his plant by fire, every dollar's worth of property he had in the world going up in flames. But, nothing daunted, the sterling mettle of his Scotch ancestry (he having inherited many of their sterling attributes) asserted itself; he was not to be thwarted by a seemingly untoward circumstance, although his stock of granite, machinery, horse, wagons—everything—was gone, so he forged ahead, and, having in the few months of his residence here won the good will and confidence of the people, he was encouraged to go to work with a will to win, and they made it possible for him to re-establish himself in business. He accordingly opened a new shop and factory on North Main street, near Mound View cemetery, and his business grew rapidly from the first, and he prospered to such an extent that after eighteen months he found it necessary to find a new location, one convenient to the railroad for better shipping facilities and he accordingly moved to West Gambier street on the Baltimore & Ohio and the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroads. There is no better equipped granite monument plant in the state, and it is the present intention of the subject to make it one of the best in the United States. He has installed all modern machinery and devices for rapid and skilled work. He has everything under a superb system and understands the business from the quarries to the designing, manufacturing and selling. Many of his up-to-date granite-working machines are of his own designing. His firm is known as the McGee-Starr Granite Company, of which William McGee is president; Charles Colville, vice-president; Walter Starr, secretary and treasurer; William H. Robinson, manager. The following are also members of the company: Dr. Robert Colville, Charles Colville, John Colville, of Pittsburg; and A. D. Stokes. This is a strong company of representative men.

Only the most proficient artisans and most adroit granite workers are employed by the firm, hence the superior grade of the work turned out by this company. The granite is obtained in the rough from the quarries, the original designs being closely followed and the cutting, polishing and lettering is all done in the home shop The business of the company covers a wide area, the well known high-grade quality of the work done here bringing the company orders from all over Ohio, and from New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and as far west as Nebraska.

William McGee was married on October 12, 1892, to Elizabeth Patterson, a member of an English family of the province of Quebec, Canada. This family later moved to Barre, Vermont. To Mr. and Mrs. McGee four children have been born, two sons and two daughters, namely: Naomi, Ruth, William and Herold, all living at home.

Fraternally, Mr. McGee is a member of the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and while living in Canada he belonged to the Orangemen. Politically, he is a Republican and a loyal supporter of our government and institutions. Religiously, he and his family belong to the Presbyterian church and they are active in the work of the same. The family home is at No. 716 North Main street.

Mr. McGee is a man of fine characteristics. Born and reared in an humble but honorable and industrious family, he is a man of fortitude, courage and self-reliance, an obliging, friendly gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

EDWARD C. BEGGS, D. D. S

Among the earnest men whose professional skill, enterprise and depth of character have gained a prominent place in the community and the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens is Dr. Edward C. Beggs, a man of decided views and laudable ambition, his influence having ever made for the advancement of society and the general public and in the vocation to which his energies are devoted, he ranks among the leading dentists of Knox county and this section of the Buckeye state.

Doctor Beggs, who for a number of years has successfully practiced his profession at Mt. Vernon, is a native of Vinton, Gallia county, Ohio, and he is the son of George W. and Taphena (McMillin) Beggs, both natives of Ohio, and both of Scotch and English descent, their progenitors having come to America in the sixteenth century. The father was a newspaper man and he

edited and published a newspaper in Gallipolis and Vinton, Ohio, and Charleston, West Virginia, and became well known to the newspaper fraternity. He served in the Civil war, in Company B, Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted in 1861 and he served as a private until the close of the war. He was wounded during a skirmish while on picket duty on Gauly mountain, West Virginia. He saw much hard service, participating in forty-eight battles and skirmishes, some ranking as the greatest of the war, and he was a very faithful soldier through it all. Returning from the army, he resumed newspaper work. His death occurred in April, 1877, his wife having preceded him to the grave in May, 1875; they are buried in the cemetery at Vinton, Gallia county.

Dr. Edward C. Beggs, of this review, grew up in a newspaper environment and he was educated in the public schools of Gallia county, Ohio, also attended Ewington Academy there, later attending the Lebanon Normal College at Lebanon, this state, from which he was graduated in 1888. Then he began life for himself by clerking in a hardware store in Jackson, Ohio, where he remained three years. He then began the study of dentistry with Dr. J. W. Jackson, of Jackson, Ohio, then entered the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1892 with an excellent record. Soon afterwards he located in the city of Columbus and worked at the dental office of Houghton & Price for three years. In November, 1894, he came to Mr. Vernon and opened an office and has been successfully engaged in the practice here ever since, maintaining a well equipped and neatly arranged office in the Columbia building for the past fourteen years. Everything in his office is thoroughly up-to-date, for he has been a close student and has kept abreast of the times in everything pertaining to his profession, and he has been very successful, his patients coming from all parts of the country and numbering many hundreds.

Doctor Beggs was married on March 6, 1895, to Martha Newvahner, daughter of Henry and Mary (Pryor) Newvahner, of Jackson, Ohio. Her parents came from Germany and they are both deceased. To the Doctor and wife four children have been born, namely: Mary T., John E. and Martha Jane, all living at home; Ida May, the second child, is deceased.

Politically, Doctor Beggs is a Republican and he has been active in public matters for some time. He has served in the city council and as a member of the Republican county committee and has been a frequent delegate to district, county and state conventions, where he never failed to make his influence felt for the good of the party. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He

has filled the chairs in the local Masonic order and he was a lieutenant in the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias.

The family home is in South Vernon, just outside of the corporation; they have a beautiful and pleasant dwelling in the midst of a splendid grove and own six acres of valuable ground there. The trees are of natural growth and the lawns are well kept. This was the home of General Coxey while he resided in Mt. Vernon, and it is a fine old place, one of the most desirable, in fact, in the county.

Doctor Beggs is a member of the Christian church and his wife belongs to the Presbyterian church, and they have long been active in church and Sunday school work. Mrs. Beggs is a musician of ability, talented both as a vocalist and pianist, and she is a member of the local musical club and is popular with the best society of the city, as it also the Doctor. The daughter Mary is also popular in musical circles; as are also all the children.

Doctor Beggs is a member of the Ohio State, also the Knox County Dental Societies, being secretary and treasurer of the latter.

ALMANZA R. SIPE.

This utilitarian age has been especially prolific in men of action, clear-brained men of high resolves and noble purposes, who give character and stability to the communities honored by their citizenship, and whose influence and leadership are easily discernible in the various enterprises that have added so greatly to the high reputation which Knox county enjoys among her sister counties of the great Buckeye commonwealth. Conspicuous among this class of men whose place of residence is in Mt. Vernon is Almanza R. Sipe, the well known and progressive merchant to a brief outline of whose long, industrious and interesting career the biographer is pleased to address himself.

Mr. Sipe was born on December 6, 1846, at Shelby, Richland county, Ohio, the son of Daniel and Florilla (Rogers) Sipe, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in Adams county and the mother in Luzerne. They spent their childhood in the Keystone state, but left there when young and were married in Ohio. The father was a merchant tailor in Shelby, Ohio, where he spent his life after coming to this state, he and his wife both being deceased at this writing.

The son, Almanza R., spent his youth in his native town and was educated in the Shelby public schools. Upon leaving high school he entered the

tailoring establishment of his father and learned the trade, and remained in business with his father until in September, 1878, when he came to Mt. Vernon and was here employed by James Rogers in the tailoring business for about four years. In 1882 he formed the firm of A. R. Sipe & Company, his partner being John M. Ewalt. They continued successfully until 1887, when Mr. Sipe bought Mr. Ewalt's interest and continued in business as A. R. Sipe until 1903, when he took William H. White as partner, the firm becoming Sipe & White and so continues to the present time. In 1887, when Mr. Sipe began managing his business alone, he added men's furnishings to his line and in 1903 a stock of hats and caps were added. Mr. Sipe has been longer in the merchant tailoring business than any man in Mt. Vernon and he has been very successful, having enjoyed a liberal patronage all the while, and being highly skilled in the work and honest in all his dealings with his fellow men he has had no trouble in retaining his customers and in winning their good will and friendship. His place of business is at No. 135 South Main street, where he has been since 1904, a modern store in every respect, neatly kept, well arranged, equipped with every modern convenience and always fully stocked with goods which have been most carefully selected, and he commands the best trade of the community. In addition to his tailoring business and men's furnishings, Mr. Sipe has been connected with other lines of business. He is a stockholder and director of the Reeves Engineering Company, manufacturers of gas engines, which is doing an extensive and rapidly growing business. He is also a director in the Home Building and Loan Company and has always been interested and active in all movements that have for their object the advancement of Mt. Vernon, with which city he became very much enamored the first day of his arrival and his faith in the place has continued to grow, for he believes in the city and her people and has done his full share in supporting her interests whenever occasion presented itself.

Mr. Sipe was married on May 25, 1869, to Helen Virginia Stimmell, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Snyder) Stimmell, a highly respected family of Shelby, Ohio. Mrs. Sipe was called to her rest on November 26, 1900. This union was without issue. In September, 1902, Mr. Sipe was married to Carrie McMillin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McMillin, well known family of Martinsburg, in an early day. The father was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, was taken prisoner and died in Libby prison a few months before the birth of his daughter, Carrie.

Politically, Mr. Sipe is a Republican, and while he is always interested and well informed on public matters he has never been an office seeker, but he has ever done his full share in promoting public interests, being active and

liberal in his support of all enterprises for the public good in the vicinity where he has lived so long and the interests of which he has had at heart.

Mr. Sipe became a member of the Masonic order in 1868 at Shelby, Ohio, and still retains his membership. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been a member of the board of stewards for a number of years, and he has long been an active Sunday school worker, having been superintendent and he has been a teacher in the school for a number of years. The pleasant and substantial family home is at No. 306 North Main street.

THURMAN L. ELEY, M. D.

It is with a great degree of satisfaction that reference is made to the life of one whose career has been characterized by untiring perseverance, who has attained success in any vocation requiring definiteness of purpose and determined action. Such a life, whether it be one of calm, consecutive endeavor, or of sudden meteoric accomplishments, must abound in both lesson and incentive and prove a guide to the young men whose fortunes are still matters for the future to determine. For a number of years Doctor Eley has directed his efforts toward the goal of success in Knox county and his patient continuance has been very adequately rewarded.

Dr. Thurman L. Eley, of Mt. Vernon, was born August 30, 1869, in Harrison township, Knox county, Ohio, and he has spent his life in his native community, his boyhood home standing two miles east of Gambier. He is the son of Peter W. and Martha J. (Barcus) Eley, both of whom were born and reared in Knox county, where they still reside, being now advanced in years, having devoted their lives to farming on the old homestead east of Gambier. They have been prominent in Harrison township for a half century and have a host of friends there.

The son, Thurman L., grew up on the home farm, which he worked when a boy and in the winter attended the country district schools, later attending the high school at Gambier and also at Martinsburg. He then began teaching in the district schools of Harrison township and continued successfully for three years. In 1890 he and his older brother, Carey B. Eley, went to Kansas City, Kansas, and there they were in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and there Carey B. succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever. Thurman L. returned to Ohio with the body and here he remained and took up the study of medicine under Dr. J. F. Shrantz, of

Martinsburg, Knox county, in whose office he remained one year, then entered the Indiana Medical College, at Indianapolis, where he took a three years' course, making an excellent record and graduating in March, 1894. He soon afterwards located in Martinsburg, where he remained a year, and in 1896 he came to Mt. Vernon, where he has since remained. He was successful from the first and has enjoyed a very lucrative patronage with the city and county, having been very successful as a general practitioner and keeping fully abreast of the times in everything pertaining to his profession. He is an eclectic in the practice and the only one in Mt. Vernon.

Doctor Eley was married on September 19, 1894, to Lura E. Smith, daughter of William J. and Susanna (Baker) Smith, of Pleasant township, this county, she having been reared and educated near Gambier, where her family have long been well known and highly respected. Mr. Smith was a native of New Jersey, where he spent his early life, coming to Knox county, Ohio, in an early day and engaged in farming here, where his death occurred in 1904; his widow survives. One son, Forest W., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eley.

Politically, the Doctor is a Democrat and, while he is always interested in the success of his party, he is not active. He has served as a member of the city board of health, resigning after several years of faithful service. He is a member of the Knox County Medical Society and of the Ohio and National Medical Associations. He and his family are members of the Gay Street Methodist Episcopal church, the Doctor being a member of the official board and active in church and Sunday school work. The Doctor's home and office is at No. 202 East Front street, Mt. Vernon. He has an excellently equipped office, everything up-to-date and, being a man of fine attainments and pleasing address, he is always kept busy, having the confidence and good will of all classes.

JUDSON VINCENT.

The biographies of the representative men of a county bring to light many hidden treasures of mind, character and courage, well calculated to arouse the pride of their family and of the community and it is a source of regret that the people are not more familiar with the personal history of such men, in the ranks of whom may be found tillers of the soil, mechanics, teachers, as well as lawyers, physicians, bankers and members of other vocations and professions. Judson Vincent, of Mt. Vernon, is distinctively one

of the representative citizens of Knox county, and as such has made his influence felt among his fellow men and earned a name for enterprise, integrity and honor that entitles him to worthy notice in a work of the province of the one at hand.

Mr. Vincent was born May 23, 1859, in Howard township, Knox county, Ohio, and he is the son of Alexander N. and Mary J. (Buchanan) Vincent, both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, but who early in life moved to Knox county, Ohio. Grandfather Alexander Vincent came to Knox county with his family in 1837 and settled in Howard township, where he engaged in farming and was influential among the pioneers there. Alexander N. Vincent, his son and the father of the subject, was also a farmer, and in 1868 he moved to Brown township, Knox county, where he purchased a farm on which he prospered through general farming and extensive dealing in live stock. He became well known throughout the county and, like his father, he was a man whose character was above reproach. He was a Republican, but not active in party affairs. His death occurred in March, 1904, having been preceded to the grave by his wife in October, 1896, and they are both buried in Jelloway cemetery, Howard township.

Judson Vincent grew to maturity on the home farm, where he worked diligently during his boyhood, attending the common schools during the winter months. Applying himself closely to his text-books, he was enabled to begin teaching in the district schools when nineteen years old. During vacations he attended a special school in Danville, Knox county, and he afterwards taught in the graded schools of the county, giving eminent satisfaction as an instructor and his services were in great demand.

Mr. Vincent has always been interested in politics and public affairs, and he is a Republican of the old school. In 1892 he was appointed deputy county treasurer under S. G. Dowds, serving four years, and at the expiration of Mr. Dowds' term of office, Mr. Vincent was elected county treasurer at a time when the county was Democratic, and he served four years. After his term of office had expired he engaged in the mercantile business in Mt. Vernon, purchasing the interest of John M. Myers in the firm of Myers & Laudenbaugh, and six months later also purchased the interest of Mr. Hugh Laudenbaugh. He was so engaged for four years, or until 1905, during which time he was elected to the city council, and under the new municipal code, in 1902, he was elected a member of the board of public service, serving two terms and an extended term, in all about five years. In June, 1904, he was appointed a member of the board of managers of the Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield, by Governor Herrick, and he performed his duties

so faithfully and acceptably, as he had done in all his positions of public trust, that he was re-appointed to this position in 1908 by Governor Harris for a full term of six years and served until August 20, 1911, at which time the Ohio state board of administration took over all the institutions of the state. He has served as a member and as chairman of the Knox county Republican committee and has frequently been a delegate to county, district and state conventions, where he made his influence felt for the good of his party in whose councils he has always been prominent. During the years he has been connected with the development of the gas and oil interests of Knox county. He is also a stockholder and director in the Knox Lumber & Coal Company, and has always been active in promoting the general interests of Mt. Vernon and community.

Fraternally, Mr. Vincent is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons, and Timon Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Vincent was married on January 1, 1884, to Jennie M. Dowds, daughter of Samuel Newell and Eliza A. (Popham) Dowds, of Pike township, Knox county, one of the pioneer families of the county. To this union four children were born, namely: Mabel, Dwight D., Ethel and Lucile, all at home. The son is connected with the Cooper Engine Company, of Mt. Vernon, as bookkeeper. All are graduates of the Mt. Vernon high school except the youngest, who is still a student.

Mr. Vincent affiliates with the Disciples church, but his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in its affairs. The family home is a pleasant and attractive one, situated at No. 724 East High street, Mt. Vernon, and this household is prominent in the best social life of the city and county.

ALVA A. DOWDS.

The best history of a community or state is the one that deals most with the lives and activities of its people, especially of those who, by their own endeavor and indomitable energy, have forged to the front and placed themselves where they deserve the title of progressive men. In this brief review will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active plodders on the highway of life and achieved a career surpassed by few of his contemporaries, a career of marked success in the mercantile world, and a name which all who know him delight to honor owing to his upright life and habits of thrift and industry.

Alva A. Dowds, one of Mt. Vernon's most progressive merchants, who, while yet a young man, has achieved marked success in the material affairs of life, was born on April 6, 1875, in Democracy, Knox county, Ohio, the son of Elijah W. and Mary E. (Barber) Dowds and a brother of S. G. Dowds, a sketch of whom appears in another part of this work.

Alva A. Dowds was educated in the public schools of his native town and at the age of eighteen, in 1893, he came to Mt. Vernon, ostensibly to attend school, but he spent only one day in the school room, for he was anxious to enter the business arena, so he secured a clerkship in the clothing store of A. M. Stadler, but remained there only a short time when he went with L. A. Quail in the same business, remaining with him three years, then went with W. D. Browning as a clerk in his dry goods store. He learned the various phases of the mercantile business in these several positions and gave his employers eminent satisfaction. He then formed a partnership with F. E. Kirby, under the firm name of Kirby & Dowds, in the wall paper china and queensware business. This partnership continued successfully for four years when Mr. Dowds formed a partnership with his former employer, W. D. Browning, in the dry goods business as Browning & Company, which continued about two years, or until the death of Mr. Browning, whereupon Mr. Dowds organized the A. A. Dowds Dry Goods Company, as successor to Browning & Company. From the organization of this company, Mr. Dowds has been the president and general manager of the same. Associated with him in the active conduct of the business is J. W. Ruden, vice-president and assistant manager, he being formerly of Columbus, Ohio; also Edward L. Beldin, secretary and treasurer of the company, formerly of Buffalo, New York, he having come to Mt. Vernon about four years ago. The company first began business in the room at the southwest corner of Main and Gambier streets, but later moved to its present commodious, attractive and well-arranged quarters at Nos. 211-213 South Main street. They conduct a real department store, including everything kept in an up-to-date dry goods store, all kinds of ready-to-wear suits and garments for women, carpets and all kinds of floor coverings, window hangings and a full line of china and queensware, always carrying a large and carefully selected stock which is tastefully stored in their large double frontage building of four stories, occupying the entire space. The building is modern, equipped with elevators and all conveniences. The store rooms, store equipment and quantity and quality of goods carried would be creditable to a city many times the size of Mt. Vernon, and their very large and ever increasing trade evidences that the public appreciates the efforts of these enterprising gentle-

men along these progressive business lines. Here customers gather from remote parts of the county, making this splendid establishment a sort of headquarters while in the county seat, and here they always find a generous welcome, courteous and considerate clerks and obtain full values for their expenditures.

Mr. Dowds also has various other business interests, including a valuable, well improved and highly productive farm to which he gives considerable of his time and attention. He is also interested in the Kelser-Dowds Company, wholesale grocers, doing an extensive business in Mt. Vernon; also other interests and enterprises have his support. With duties that would greatly confuse, if not distract outright the ordinary man, Mr. Dowds has his affairs under such a superb system that he experiences no difficulty in their successful management. He has rare innate business acumen and foresight and is easily one of the leading business men of this section of the state.

Politically, Mr. Dowds is a Republican and, while not an active participant in party affairs, he is always interested and keeps thoroughly informed on the questions of public importance. While he has never been an office seeker, he is at present a member of the Mt. Vernon city council, and a wide-awake member, always on the alert for the interests of the city and the people of this community and always ready to assist in any movement having as its object the general good of the locality honored by his citizenship.

Mr. Dowds is an active member of the Mt. Vernon Citizens Association, and for some time was a member of the executive committee of this organization, which has for its object the betterment of business conditions and the advancement of the city commercially and along all lines that are for the betterment of conditions. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, the Knights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Dowds was married on February 5, 1901, to Olive Clark, a lady of culture and refinement, the daughter of Walter and Mary (Baily) Clark, formerly a well known Mt. Vernon family, both parents being now deceased. This union has been graced by the birth of two children, Mary E. and Alva A., Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowds are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he being a steward of the same. They have a beautiful and neatly kept home at the corner of North Gay street and Wooster avenue, Mt. Vernon.

Personally, Mr. Dowds is a man of pleasing address, kind, generous, obliging, commanding the respect and good will of the entire community.

CHARLES M. GRAY, D. D. S.

In a locality ranking high for its professional talent, whose dentists take conspicuous places among their colleagues throughout the state, is Dr. Charles M. Gray, who is located at Mt. Vernon, Knox county, where he is enjoying a lucrative practice and, although a young man, is rapidly taking his position as one of the representative citizens of this locality whose interests he seems to have at heart.

Doctor Gray was born April 23, 1879, in Muskingum county, Ohio, the son of James and Medolia (Hicks) Gray, both natives of Muskingum county, where the father was a successful farmer and prominent in public affairs, being an ardent Republican. For many years he served as justice of the peace. He stood high in the county and his character was above reproach.

Charles M. Gray grew to maturity on the home farm, which he worked during the crop seasons, and attended the district schools in the winter time, remaining under the parental roof until he was twenty years of age, when he took a position as foreman of the decorating department of the J. B. Owens Pottery Company at Zanesville, Ohio, where he remained three years, having as many as forty men under him, and his services were eminently satisfactory to the management. In 1904 he left this establishment, and, having always had a desire and ambition to become a dentist, he entered the office of Dr. J. J. Hill, of Zanesville, and later that of Dr. Charles Hill, of Wheeling, West Virginia, having spent a year in the office of the former and a year and a half in that of the latter. In the fall of 1906 he entered the dental department of the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, to complete his dental course, and he remained a student there three years, graduating there with a splendid record in the spring of 1909. Soon afterward he located at Mt. Vernon, opening a neat office for the practice of his profession at No. 111 1-2 South Main street and he has since remained in the same location. His office is admirably arranged, modern in every appointment and all equipment is thoroughly up-to-date, his apparatus being of the best and latest models. Notwithstanding the fact that he has been in Mt. Vernon a comparatively short time, Doctor Gray has built up a very large and lucrative patronage which is continually growing, he and his assistant being kept constantly busy.

Personally, Doctor Gray is a genial and affable gentleman and, being skilled and honest in his work, he has no trouble in securing and retaining patients.

Adhering to the political faith of his father, Doctor Gray is a Republi-

can, but is not active in political affairs, though he is always interested and well informed on public matters. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order and has attained to the Knight Templar degree. He affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church. He has remained unmarried.

CHARLES ALBERT BECK, D. D. S.

Occupying a conspicuous place among the leading dentists of Knox and adjoining counties, Dr. Charles Albert Beck, of Mt. Vernon, enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His record demonstrates that where there is a will there is a way and that obstacles to success may be overcome by courage and self-reliance.

Doctor Beck was born July 28, 1879, two miles east of Mt. Vernon and is the representative of an excellent old family of this county, being the son of James C. and Elizabeth (Fox) Beck. The father was born in Gaston county, Michigan, and the mother in Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio. James C. Beck came to Knox county, Ohio, with his parents in 1855 and as a young man learned the carpenter's trade, becoming one of the leading carpenters and contractors in this locality, many of the substantial business houses and dwellings of the county standing as monuments to his skill as an architect. He married Elizabeth Fox in 1876. Politically, he was a Democrat and was past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He helped organize the local lodge; he was the first presiding officer of the carpenter's union of Mt. Vernon and was active in many local matters. He moved to Mt. Vernon about 1880, where he spent the balance of his life, actively engaged as a contractor. His death occurred on July 10, 1906; his widow, five sons and one daughter survive; the children are Melvin, of Fredericktown; Charles A., Mary L.; Harry C. is married and lives in Mt. Vernon; Earl C. and George F., all of Mt. Vernon.

Dr. Charles A. Beck was educated in the Mt. Vernon public schools, graduating from the high school in 1900. He then entered the dental department of the Ohio State University at Columbus, where he made an excellent record, graduating with the class of 1903 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Immediately after his graduation he opened an office at No. 14 South Main street, Mt. Vernon, for the practice of his profession and he has been in the same location ever since. He has a thoroughly equipped office, all instruments and office supplies known to modern dentistry

being at his command. He has been very successful and now enjoys a very lucrative and extensive practice with the city and surrounding country. He owns several pieces of valuable real estate and is among Mt. Vernon's most substantial young men. He is a past master of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Knights Templar, and is very active in lodge circles. He has been recording secretary of Quindaro Lodge No. 316, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for eight years and is still in that office. He is also a member of the Homestead Club, composed of young men of Mt. Vernon. Politically, he is a Democrat and takes an active interest in public affairs. In 1908 he was elected a member of the Mt. Vernon board of education for a term of four years, being the first Democrat ever elected a member of that board.

Doctor Beck was married on June 30, 1909, to Faith Willison, daughter of William B. and Alberta (Green) Willison, of Croton, Ohio, a highly respected family there. The Doctor and wife are earnest members of the Congregational church and active in church and Sunday school work; they have a pleasant and neatly kept home at No. 304 North Gay street, and they are both popular with the best social circle of the city.

ISABELLE B. NIXON, M. D.

From the remote age of Pericles, when Aspasia and the poetess Sappho startled the world by a display of brilliancy of intellect that had never been known before that period and has never been equalled, women have been playing a more important role in the drama of civilization, though for centuries their progress was indeed slow. It has been during only the past few decades that they have proven themselves capable of filling almost any position and doing about everything that men do. They have become factors in the political world and are holding some of the highest offices within the gift of the people; in literature, they have long ranked among the top-notchers, each succeeding year bringing out their names among the "best sellers;" on the stage they have been leaders throughout the world for a long time; and in the realm of the sciences they have displayed remarkable tact and made helpful experiments and discoveries; they have invaded the professions and women lawyers, dentists, doctors, etc., are to be found in almost every great metropolis. This, of course, is confined more to America than any where else on our planet, for here everybody is given a "fighting chance" at everything.

In the above class Mt. Vernon, Ohio, has a most creditable and worthy representative and the medical profession an advocate of which it may well be proud in the person of Isabelle B. Nixon, one of the best known and most popular of Knox county women. She was born in Lima, Allen county, this state, and is the daughter of Michael and Clara (Beaty) Nixon, both parents natives of Ohio, the father's birth occurring in Holmes county and the mother first saw the light of day in Morrow county. For a time Mr. Nixon was landlord of the Lima hotel in Lima, and in 1877 the family came to Mt. Vernon and the father engaged in the dry goods business, in which he remained for a period of thirty years, retiring to private life in April, 1910. He built up an extensive patronage and was one of the best known merchants in the county, and he is a highly respected and well known citizen of Mt. Vernon, whose interests he has never hesitated to promote.

John Beaty, the subject's maternal grandfather, was a pioneer of this state, coming here from Washington county, Pennsylvania. He was a man of unusual industry, courage and fortitude, and he became influential in the affairs of Knox county, which he served as treasurer for four years. He was also engaged in the mercantile business and was a land owner of considerable proportions. He was widely known and highly respected. In politics he was a Republican and in church affairs was a devoted Congregationalist and was one of the founders of the church in Mt. Vernon.

Michael Nixon, mentioned above, was a loyal Democrat, but he had no aspirations to be a public man and never held office. He is also a Congregationalist and active in church work and a liberal supporter of the same. He has only one child, Isabelle Beaty Nixon, the immediate subject of this sketch. She was educated in the public schools of Mt. Vernon, from which she was graduated with the class of 1893, after which she entered the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College, where she made a splendid record and was graduated with a class of fifty-one in 1899, she being the honor member of the class. After her graduation she took a rest of six months, then opened an office in Mt. Vernon for the practice of her profession, and remained here two and one-half years, having a splendid start; but, desiring a broader field for the exercise of her talents, she then went to the city of Cleveland, and there, for nineteen months, she had charge of the children at the "infant's rest," remaining in the Lake City two and one-half years, during which time she took a course of special work, covering a period of twenty-two months. Then she returned to Mt. Vernon, where she opened on office and where she has since remained and has been very successfully engaged in practice. She makes a specialty of the ailments of children and women and she has met

with pronounced success, building up an extensive and ever-growing practice and gaining the confidence and good will of the public. She is an indefatigable student and keeps thoroughly up-to-date in all phases of the profession, in which she ranks high and has an honored standing. Her office and residence is at No. 403 East First street. It is remarkable that after a practice of twelve years she has signed only three death certificates. She is a member of the Congregational church and an active church worker. She belongs to the Woman's Christian Association and the Mt. Vernon Humane Society, her parents also both belonging to the latter.

The Doctor is a woman of broad intelligence and liberal education, thoroughly trained in her profession, takes an active interest in all movements calculated to uplift her sex and, being of a pleasing, genial and attractive address, she is popular with a wide circle of friends and admirers.

WILLIAM A. BOUNDS.

There are no citizens of Knox county who are more highly respected and whose genuine worth is more widely recognized than that of William A. Bounds, president of the Knox Mutual Insurance Company of Mt. Vernon, who, although advanced in years, is active and hale as the result of a life of clean living and pure thinking. His worthy career has been such that the younger generation in the locality of which this history treats can emulate it with profit to themselves and their fellow men, owing to the fact that his life has been successful from a material standpoint and singularly free from all that would deteriorate from the highest standards of living and he has shown what the life of a good citizen should be socially and in the sphere of material business as well as a patriotic supporter of those movements having for their aim the general good and upbuilding of the country.

Mr. Bounds is the scion of a sterling old Southern family, he himself having been born in Brooke county, Virginia, January 28, 1828, and he is the son of James and Rachael (Browning) Bounds, who came to Ohio in 1840 and settled in Licking county, where they spent the rest of their lives, the father being a carpenter by trade, and he was well known and highly respected in his community which he helped develop in those early days.

William A. Bounds obtained a very limited education in the public schools of his native locality, and when fourteen years of age he began learning the carpenter's trade under his father and he has followed the same all his

life, being a very skilled workman, so that his services have ever been in great demand.

On May 3, 1849, Mr. Bounds was married to Mary Jane Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Simmons, of Homer, Licking county, Ohio. In October, 1849, Mr. Bounds brought his young wife to Mt. Vernon, Knox county, and began working at the carpenter's trade and contracting, and thus for over sixty years he has been identified with the growth of this city, having erected many of the best and most important public buildings, business blocks, machine shops, concrete buildings, besides many of the most substantial and attractive residences of this city and surrounding country and cities, which will long stand as monuments to his skill as an architect, which is second to none. He is one of the directors of the Knox Mutual Insurance Company and, as above indicated, is now president of the company, which was organized in 1836 and has long been doing a most successful insurance business all over the state of Ohio. Its recent rapid growth in importance and popularity has been due to the able and judicious management of Mr. Bounds.

Politically, the subject is a Republican and he has long been active in public matters, his services having been especially effective in the campaign of 1884, when James G. Blaine was the Republican presidential candidate. At that time Mt. Vernon had the banner Blaine and Logan club, Mr. Bounds having been prominent in its organization and general work of the club. Blaine's defeat was a sore disappointment to him. He served in the city council for three terms; he was fire chief for fifteen years and a member of the fire department for twenty-five years. He served as a member of the board of health for three terms and as a member of the board of public service for three terms. In all positions of public trust he performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner. Although he never sought office, offices sought him and he always responded to the public duty. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge since 1876.

One daughter, Eva, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bounds; she married N. W. Allen, a carpenter, who was at one time sheriff of Knox county.

The wife of Mr. Bounds passed away on May 27, 1910, after traversing the royal road of life with him for sixty years, sharing his joys and sorrows, his victories and defeats, at all times proving to be a most helpful and genial companion. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for fifty-two years and a women of strong Christian faith. The religion of Mr. Bounds is founded upon the Golden Rule and his life has been characterized by carrying its sublime precept into his every-day affairs.

The family home, a large, pleasant dwelling, is at No. 119 East Burgess street, where he has lived since May 3, 1852, the anniversary of his wedding, and he has lived here continuously ever since. The impress that he has left upon this community will continue to bear fruit throughout the generations to come.

AMAZIAH H. SIMMONS.

It is a well authenticated fact that success comes as the result of legitimate and well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance. She is never known to smile upon the idler or dreamer, she never courts the loafer, and only those who have diligently sought her favor are crowned with her blessings. In tracing the history of Amaziah H. Simmons, well known colored man of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, it is plainly seen that the prosperity which he enjoys has been won by commendable qualities and it is also his personal worth that has gained for him the high respect of those with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Simmons was born August 2, 1860, in Morgan county, Ohio, the son of Jonathan P. and Rhoda (Jones) Simmons. This family moved to Mt. Vernon in 1870 and have since resided here, the parents now being deceased. Their family consisted of five children, one dying in infancy; Jemima J., now Mrs. Charles Jackson, of Youngstown, Ohio; Rilla J. is deceased; Samuel J. lives in Mt. Vernon, and Amaziah H., of this review.

The subject received his education in the public schools of Mt. Vernon and he spent one year in the high school. When ten years of age he went into the family of Morgan Rowe, a lawyer of Mt. Vernon, with whom he lived two years, then went to the home of Mrs. Robert Thompson, where he remained a year. In the spring of 1874 he went to live with Dr. F. C. Larimore and remained there for over six years, during which time he attended the public schools, and, being a diligent student, he made the eight years' grades to the high school in six years. Following this he found employment with John Denney, proprietor of the Curtis House, as night clerk and here he remained one winter. In the spring of 1881 he went to live with Frank L. Fairchild as a houseman for the summer, when he was taken sick, which caused him to give up his place and he was sick all winter. During the summer of 1882 he worked at whatever he could get to do. In the spring of 1883 he went with the firm of Armstrong & Miller, grocers, driving a delivery wagon for them for ten years. In the spring of 1893 he engaged in

the restaurant business for himself at No. 6 South Main street, Mt. Vernon, which he continued three years. In 1896 he sold his restaurant and engaged in the fish and poultry business for three years, when he sold out and entered the employ of Mrs. Gen. George W. Morgan, remaining with her six years. Since 1905 he has been engaged in looking after his real estate holdings, which are extensive; he has also engaged in handling real estate for others. He has been very successful in his real estate investments and has accumulated considerable property and is now one of the financially solid men of his city. This has been done through his individual efforts in the face of all kinds of discouragements, but he has been persistent and has managed well.

Politically, Mr. Simmons is a Republican, but has never been active in the ranks. He is a member of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, also the Knights of Pythias and the Household of Ruth. He has filled all the chairs in these lodges and has been representative to the grand lodges. In 1892 he was the representative to the biannual movable committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, which met in Washington, D. C. He has represented the Knights of Pythias lodge in the grand lodge. He has long been an active lodge worker and stands high in fraternal circles.

Mr. Simmons was married on July 23, 1883, to Sarah J. Ramsey, of Mt. Vernon, who passed to her rest on October 16, 1907, without issue. He is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal church and is a member of the church's official board. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school for fifteen years, and has been an ardent church and Sunday school worker. He has a modern, well furnished residence at No. 110 East Front street. He is a man of whom his race may well be proud, and he has done a great deal of good for his people in this vicinity.

LEGRAND BRITTON.

Wherever Legrand Britton, farmer and stock man of Howard township, Knox county, is known his word is as good as his bond, and his reputation for truth and veracity has never been impeached. It is such men as he that give stability and character to a community and, although their names may not adorn national or state history, their deeds cause them to be numbered among the best citizens in the true sense of the word; they are worthy because humble, for greatness consists largely of humility. He has not depended upon the labor of others to place him where he is, but has worked

diligently all his life, earning his bread by the sweat of his brow and led an upright career, so that he has the respect of his neighbors and friends.

Mr. Britton was born on August 28, 1856, on the farm in Howard township, this county, where he has spent practically all his life. He is the son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Critchfield) Britton, the father a native of Millwood, this county, being the first child born in the village of Millwood, and he was the first postmaster of the same. Grandfather James Britton came from Maryland to Knox county in a very early day and he built the first house in Millwood. He was a blacksmith by trade. The log cabin home which he built there still stands. He lived there until about 1840, when he moved to Iowa, making the overland trip in a "prairie-schooner," camping along the way. He was a typical pioneer and when civilization crowded too close around him he sought a new country, spending his last years in Iowa, dying there in 1878.

Lewis Britton, father of the subject, maintained a store in Millwood for a number of years, later moving to Mt. Vernon, where he was in business many years. In 1876 he was elected treasurer of Knox county, serving one term. While in business in Mt. Vernon he lived on his farm in Howard township, three miles west of Howard, and there he spent the latter years of his life in retirement, his death occurring on September 28, 1901, his wife preceding him on April 17, 1897, and both are buried in Pleasant Valley cemetery. His wife, Elizabeth Critchfield, was a member of an early pioneer family, prominent in the affairs of the township. The farm where the subject lives was entered from the government by her father, Isaac Critchfield, who came from Pennsylvania very early, and who here became prominent and prosperous. The farm has remained in possession of the family to the present time.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Britton, namely: Legrand, of this sketch; Samuel H., a physician of Marion; Eva, who married James Berry, of Howard township; Nannie, now Mrs. Columbus D. McCullough, of Elyria, Ohio.

Legrand Britton was reared on the home farm and educated in the country district schools, and he remained with his parents until his marriage, on August 24, 1876, to Ella Critchfield, daughter of Harris and Sarah Jane (McCarty) Critchfield, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Lewis H., a physician of Marion, Ohio; Bertha, who married James Mitchell, of Marion; Tamsey is deceased; Carl H. is married and is at home.

Mr. Britton farmed on the home place for some time and in 1883 he engaged in the general mercantile and grain business with George W. Mc-

Nabb in Howard for two years. In 1885 he moved to Marion county, Ohio, and there engaged in the general mercantile business and was postmaster at Adelaide, that county, for some time. He remained in Marion county about eight years and in 1895 he returned to the home farm in Howard township, where he was born and here he has since remained, successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, his fine farm consisting of over one hundred acres of well improved land and he has a good home.

Politically, Mr. Britton is a Democrat and he has been active in public matters since reaching maturity. For a number of years he served as a member of the Democratic county central committee as chairman and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He served as trustee of Howard township for thirteen years in succession prior to moving to Marion county, resigning when he left the county, and he proved to be a most faithful official. He has been township assessor for four years and was land appraiser of Howard township in 1910. He has served as a member of the township board of education for a number of years, being president of the board. In the fall of 1910 he was elected a member of the county board of commissioners, and he took office on September 18, 1911, and is discharging the duties of the same in a very able and conscientious manner. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Howard and he was trustee of the church for some years. He has been an active church and Sunday school worker, and is a public-spirited, broad-minded man who believes in progress and right living.

HOMER C. SMITH.

The present age is essentially utilitarian and in the life of every successful man carries a lesson which, told in contemporary narrative, is productive of much good in shaping the destiny of others. There is, therefore, a due measure of satisfaction in presenting, even in brief resume, the life and achievements of such men, and in preparing the following history of the successful young business man of Centerburg whose name initiates this paragraph, it is with the hope that it may prove not only interesting and instructive, but also serve as an incentive to those who contemplate a business career. Mr. Smith possesses concentration of purpose and energy that laughs at restraint, excellent judgment and the executive ability that makes everything undertaken accomplish the purpose for which intended.

Mr. Smith was born in Centerburg, this county, on October 5, 1877. He is the son of William and Esther (Hopkins) Smith, both natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania, where they grew up, were educated and married, coming to Bloomfield, Morrow county, Ohio, in 1867, where they remained until 1875, when they moved to Centerburg, where Mr. Smith engaged in the grain business and afterward the clothing business until his death, on April 16, 1896. He did a large business and was one of the leading men of the community, well known and highly respected. Politically, he was a Republican and for years was active in local political affairs. He filled the office of mayor of Centerburg in a most commendable manner and for some time was a member of the town council, also of the board of education. Fraternally, he belonged to Bloomfield Lodge No. 422, Free and Accepted Masons, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and superintendent of the Sunday school for a period of twenty-two years. He was a devout man and active in church affairs, and a man of unquestioned integrity. During the Civil war he proved his loyalty to the Union and made a faithful soldier in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His widow survives, making her home at Centerburg.

Homer C. Smith, of this sketch, was reared in Centerburg—in fact, has always lived here. He was educated in the public schools and was graduated from the local high school in 1894. Following his graduation he engaged in the grocery business from 1894 until 1907, enjoying an excellent trade with the town and surrounding country. He next turned his attention to the shoe and the produce business, the latter growing to large proportions. In January, 1911, he established the Arch City Produce Company at Columbus for the purpose of handling butter and eggs to jobbers, and it proved to be most successful from the first, an extensive trade soon being established. He still maintains his shoe store in Centerburg, which is one of the best known in the county, customers from a wide radius coming here, for they always find a large, up-to-date and carefully selected stock and courteous and obliging clerks. The very best shoes are handled and this splendid store would do credit to a town much larger than Centerburg.

Mr. Smith was married on June 24, 1908, to Ferne Miller, daughter of William and Mary (Payne) Miller, her father being a prominent dry goods merchant of Centerburg.

Politically, Mr. Smith is a Republican and he is active in public affairs, endorsing and supporting all progressive movements. He has filled many of the local offices and is at present a member of the town council and school board. As a public servant he has discharged his every duty in a faithful and conscientious manner, to the satisfaction of all the people.

Fraternally, Mr. Smith is a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 422, Free and Accepted Masons, and he and his wife are members of Manila Chapter No. 100, Eastern Star. He is a member of Hawthorne Lodge No. 228, Knights of Pythias, and the Sons of Veterans. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has been superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years, succeeding his father. He is also a member of the official board of the church. He and his estimable wife are prominent in local social circles. They have a pleasant home and are most affable and hospitable, numbering their friends only by the limits of their acquaintance.

ARTHUR W. BROWN, D. D. S.

To attain a worthy citizenship by a life that is always honored and respected even from childhood deserves more than mere mention. It is no easy task to resist the many temptations of youth and early manhood and plant a character in the minds and hearts of associates that will remain an unstained figure for all time. One may take his place in public life through some vigorous stroke of public policy, and even remain in the hearts of friends and neighbors, but to take the same position by dint of the practice of an upright life and without a craving for exaltation and popularity is worthy of the highest praise and commendation. Arthur W. Brown, of Centerburg, recognized throughout Knox county as one of the leading dentists of the younger professional fraternity in this locality, has won the honor and respect of the people here since casting his lot among them a few years ago, not because of the vigorous training of his special talents, but because of his daily life, passed upon in the light of real true manhood.

Doctor Brown was born on September 5, 1881, in Maple Rapids, Michigan. He is the son of D. D. and Isabelle (Frazier) Brown, both of Scotch ancestry; neither ever became residents of Ohio. The father is deceased, having died when his son, Arthur W., was only seven years old. The mother survives.

Dr. Arthur W. Brown was educated in the schools of Maple Rapids, Michigan, and was graduated from the high school in 1898. He then entered the University of Michigan in 1901, department of dentistry, in which he remained one year. In the fall of 1902 he entered the dental department of the Ohio Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated from the same in 1904, having made an excellent record, winning the admiration of

his colleagues and the praise of the instructors. Thus well equipped for his chosen life work he located the year of his graduation at Centerburg, Knox county, this state, and here he has continued to successfully practice his profession, having enjoyed a large and ever-growing patronage from the first and taking his place in the front rank of dentists in this and adjoining counties. He has a neat, well arranged and modernly equipped office, in fact, every approved appliance for the prompt, safe and skillful performance of all phases of dental work.

Doctor Brown was married on June 5, 1907, to Edna Florence Faraba, daughter of Marion and Claude (Brentlinger) Faraba, a highly respected family, and this union has been graced by the birth of two children, Faraba Devon and Marian Isabelle Brown.

Fraternally, Doctor Brown is a member of the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, and politically he is a Republican. He belongs to the Ohio State Dental Society, and while in college he was a member of the Xi Psi Phi fraternity. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is at present clerk of the town council at Centerburg.

The Doctor is fond of athletics and was well known in this field while in school. Since coming to Centerburg he and his wife have made a host of warm personal friends and they take an active part in local social affairs.

L. TATE CROMLEY.

One of the best known of the younger professional men of Knox county is L. Tate Cromley, of Mt. Vernon, for many years a national figure in athletics. Combined with the excellent personal and official qualities of the successful attorney, he is infused with the genius of enterprise and is a man of enlarged public spirit. He always stands ready to identify himself with his fellow citizens in any good work and extends a co-operative hand to advance any measure that will better the condition of things, that will give better government, elevate mankind, insure higher standards of morality and the highest ideals of a refined, ennobling, intellectual culture.

Mr. Cromley was born on March 14, 1880, at Paulding, Ohio. He is the son of Joseph B. and Anna J. (Tate) Cromley, both natives of this state, the father born in Defiance county and the mother in Paulding county. The father devoted his business life to merchandising and he served two terms as clerk of courts of Paulding county. In politics he was a Republican and

was always active in party affairs. He was a member of the Republican county executive committee, and was a frequent delegate to party conventions. He was an admirer and breeder of fine horses in Paulding county, and was long a prominent man there in both private and public affairs. Fraternally, he belonged to both the Masonic and Independent Order of Odd Fellow lodges. His death occurred on November 6, 1891, and his widow subsequently married Capt. O. G. Daniels, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Mr. Cromley, of this sketch, was reared in Paulding county, and he was graduated from the Paulding high school, class of 1897, then, coming to Mt. Vernon, he took an additional course in the high school here, and in the fall of 1899 he entered Kenyon College, from which he was graduated in 1903, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, having made an excellent record, While in college he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity and the honorary fraternity Phi Beta Kappa as a reward of high standing as a student. He was a member of the college athletic teams during his college course and was captain of the baseball club for three years and manager of the club one year. He also acted as secretary to President Pierce of the college during his entire course, and while in school there he was elected justice of the peace of College township, in which capacity he served with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned until leaving college, discharging his duties faithfully and in a fair and unbiased manner. He was salutatorian of his class at the commencement exercises. In the fall of 1903 Mr. Cromley entered Georgetown University at Washington for the course in law, remaining there one year. During his stay there he was a member of the baseball and football teams. During Easter week of 1904 he shut out Princeton, Yale and Harvard baseball nines, one after the other, a feat never accomplished before or since. In the three games only ten hits were made off his pitching. In the fall of 1904 he joined the Indianapolis team of the American Association, as pitcher and he played with them four seasons. In the latter part of 1907 he finished up with the Kansas City team of the same league and in 1908 he played with the Rochester, New York, team of the Eastern league and closed his baseball career with the Toledo, Ohio, team of the American Association in the fall of 1908, having become one of the popular American players and widely known to the fans throughout the country, his record being a most enviable one.

Mr. Cromley then turned his attention exclusively to the law, returning to the offices of H. H. & R. W. Greer, of Mt. Vernon, where he had really been a law student during the intervals and vacations for ten years. During his baseball career he was admitted to the bar in 1906 on examination at

Columbus. During the winter of 1907 and 1908 he was bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Mt. Vernon, where he gave eminent satisfaction to officials, stockholders and patrons, leaving the same to resume baseball in the spring of 1908.

Since then his attention has been given exclusively to his profession and has met with a large measure of success. As a lawyer he ranks deservedly well at the Knox county bar. His habits of study, research, ability to analyze and comprehend the law, to deduce and apply it, make him an informed, reliable and certain lawyer, and necessarily popular. In his practice before the court he is characterized by fairness in stating the position of an adversary, and strong enough and broad enough to desire no undue advantage. His utterances are expressive of a calm dignity, a tolerant spirit, but a fixed purpose. In his discussion of the law he is clear, precise and incisive, and to the jury he is clear and deliberate. In his active practice of the law his character for personal and professional integrity has been fully recognized and appreciated. He has escaped the suspicion of ever having knowingly failed to fulfill all proper obligations of his profession.

Politically, Mr. Cromley is a Republican, but he has not been especially active. In the fall of 1910 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Knox county, the county giving the head of the Democratic ticket a majority of four hundred and ninety-nine, and Mr. Cromley received a majority on the Republican ticket of seven hundred and ten, a difference of twelve hundred votes. This is certainly criterion enough of his popularity and high standing in Knox county. He has discharged the duties of this important office in a manner that has reflected much credit upon his ability and to the satisfaction of all concerned, irrespective of party alignment.

Fraternally, Mr. Cromley is a member of the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias. In religious matters he belongs to the Presbyterian church. He has remained unmarried. Personally, he is a good mixer, genial, obliging and unassuming and is universally liked.

FRANK O. PADGETT.

Whether we are more indebted for the improvement of the age to the men of study or the men of action, these two classes being the most influential in promoting the advancement of society and in giving character to the times in which they live, is a question of honest difference in opinion. Since neither can be spared, both should be encouraged to occupy their sev-

eral spheres, zealously and without mutual distrust, spreading their influence and prosecuting their chosen labors. In the following paragraphs are briefly outlined the leading facts and characteristics in the career of a gentleman who combines in his makeup the elements of the energy of the studious, public-spirited man of affairs, a man who has made his influence felt for the upbuilding of the town of Danville and the county of Knox, and is not unknown to the wider field of journalism of the state, occupying, as he does, a prominent place in his profession.

Frank O. Padgett, publisher of the *Tri-County Leader*, was born on February 12, 1875, in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Pius J. and Sarah J. (Weaver) Padgett, both parents natives of Ohio, and here they grew up, received their education in the public schools and were married. The father was a newspaper man of considerable reputation in various Ohio cities and a man of high standing. His death occurred in September, 1894, at his home in Zanesville. His widow is still living.

Frank O. Padgett was eight years old when he moved with his parents to Zanesville and there he grew to manhood and was educated in the public schools. His first employment was a reporter on the *Zanesville Signal*, during the school vacations, and after leaving school he was regularly employed as reporter on that paper. He was a senate page at Columbus while Hon. D. H. Gammer, the editor of the *Signal*, was a state senator. He went from Zanesville to Marion, Ohio, as reporter on the *Daily Mirror*. During the Spanish-American war Mr. Padgett was active in the field, having enlisted in Company G, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he saw service in Porto Rico as a private. After the war he went to Delaware, Ohio, where he worked as reporter on the *Daily Herald*, of which paper his brother, George L. Padgett, was editor. He had achieved an envied reputation as an able news gatherer and writer, having possessed all the qualifications of the successful reporter—tact, diplomacy, untiring energy, perseverance and a genial address.

In January, 1902, Mr. Padgett left Delaware and came to Danville, Knox county, and purchased the *Danville Citizen*, which he named the *Tri-County Leader*, with a view of covering the field in Knox, Coshocton and Holmes counties, the town of Danville being located near the borders of all these counties. He was successful here from the first and soon the circulation of the paper was increasing at a rapid rate, which it has kept up, and he has made this one of the leading papers of its type in the state, brightened its mechanical appearance, rendered it a newsier and more valuable advertising medium, while its editorial page carries much weight in the affairs of the

three counties. It is independent in politics and fearlessly advocates whatever seems to be for the best interests of the community which it so ably serves. He also conducts a large, modernly equipped job office in connection with his paper, prompt and high-grade work being his aim, and this department is extensively patronized.

Mr. Padgett was married on February 28, 1901, to Anna Mary Dodd, daughter of James F. and Ruth E. (Murray) Dodd, a highly esteemed family of Delaware, Ohio. This union has been blessed by the birth of one daughter, Ruth Ann.

Politically, Mr. Padgett is a Democrat, but he is not a biased partisan. He is a public-spirited man and uses his paper for the general betterment of the community. He has never been an office seeker or an office holder. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ORANGE H. ELLIOTT.

The respect which should always be accorded the brave sons of the North who left homes and the peaceful pursuits of civil life to give their services, and their lives if need be, to preserve the integrity of the American Union is certainly due Orange H. Elliott, a venerable farmer and respected citizen of Monroe township, Knox county, where his long and industrious life has been spent. He proved his love and loyalty to the government on the long and tiresome marches in all kinds of situations, exposed to summer's withering heat and winter's freezing cold, on the lonely picket line, a target for the missile of the unseen foe, on the tented field and amid the flame and smoke of battle, where the rattle of the musketry mingled with the terrible concussion of the bursting shell and the deep diapason of the cannon's roar made up the sublime but awful chorus of death. All honor to the heroes of the early sixties. To them the country is under a debt of gratitude which it cannot pay, and in centuries yet to be posterity will commemorate their chivalry in fitting eulogy and tell their knightly deeds in song and story. To the once large but now rapidly diminishing army that followed "Old Glory" on many bloody fields in the sunny South, crushed the armed host of treason and re-established upon a firm and enduring foundation the beloved government of our fathers, the subject of this sketch belonged. Like thousands of comrades equally as brave and patriotic as himself, he did his duty nobly and well and retired from the service with a record unspotted by a single unsoldierly act.

Mr. Elliott was born in Monroe township, this county, on June 16, 1838. He is the son of James and Hannah Reed (Berry) Elliott, the father born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Knox county, Ohio. When eight years of age James Elliott came with his parents to Knox county. Grandfather William Elliott was a miller by trade and he built a mill on Owl creek, this being one of the very first mills in this locality. The father of this subject was also a miller and in addition an operator in a woolen mill. He worked for Orange Hollister, who conducted an early business establishment here. James Elliott later in life turned his attention to farming and became the owner of considerable land and was an active man of affairs. Politically, he was a Democrat in early life, but after 1860 he voted the Republican ticket. He took considerable interest in public matters, and was a man of upright character and sound judgment. His death occurred in February, 1887, his wife preceding him to the grave about twelve years.

To James Elliott and wife ten children were born, only four of whom are now living, Orange H., of this sketch, being the eldest of the serviving children. The others are Elizabeth, who has remained single; Alice Mary, who married Leander Farquar, of Gambier, died November 8, 1911; Alexander lives in Mt. Vernon.

Orange H. Elliott, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm, on which he worked hard when a boy during the crop seasons, receiving such education as he could in the old-time schools of his neighborhood.

Mr. Elliott enlisted in Company C, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the fall of 1861 and he served over two years in the Army of Western Virginia, taking part in many hard-fought engagements and trying campaigns, finally being discharged for disability. He was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry in 1862, the entire command of nearly twelve thousand men, including his whole regiment, being captured. He was immediately paroled and exchanged in due time, returning to his company and regiment. He returned home and, after regaining his health, he resumed farming, remaining at home until his marriage, on March 17, 1865, to Emily J. Hartsook, daughter of William and Amy (Ganoe) Hartsook, a pioneer family of Monroe township. To the subject and wife was born one daughter, Amy R., who married John W. Totman, a farmer of Monroe township, this county.

After his marriage Mr. Elliott lived one year in Milford township, then returned to Monroe township, where he located about two miles north of Gambier and engaged in general farming and stock raising of all kinds, and here he has continued to reside. He has a fine farm and has laid by a

competency for his old age. He has always been a Democrat and is a great admirer of William J. Bryan, the great commoner. He has served as township trustee and as a member of the school board. He has always been deeply interested in public matters. He has been a frequent delegate to county and district conventions. He and his family are members of the Dunkard church, in which he is a deacon and is active in church and Sunday school work.

ROLLIN S. CLEMENTS.

Those who belong to the respectable middle class of society, being early taught the necessity of relying upon their own exertions, will be more apt to acquire that information and those business habits which alone can fit them for the discharge of life's duties, and, indeed, it has long been a noticeable fact that our great men in nearly all walks of life spring from this class. The subject of this sketch whose life history is herewith delineated is a worthy representative of the class from which the true noblemen of the republic spring. He is the present able and popular chief of police of Mt. Vernon.

Rollin S. Clements was born July 26, 1875, on a farm four miles north of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, and he is the son of George W. and Paulina (Scott) Clements, both natives of this county, where they grew up, were educated and married and here the father engaged as a stone mason and farmer. Politically, he was a Democrat and he very ably served as justice of the peace in Monroe township for more than twelve years. He was a man of exemplary character and highly respected; his death occurred on May 10, 1900; his widow survives, making her home in Mt. Vernon.

Rollin S. Clements grew to maturity in Monroe township, this county, and attended the district schools. He came to Mt. Vernon when fifteen years of age and attended the public schools for two years. In 1894 he began clerking for A. F. Sauffer in the clothing business, remaining with him until October 5, 1905, giving entire satisfaction. In the fall of that year he was appointed sheriff of Knox county to fill an unexpired term, and he performed his duties in such a capable and praiseworthy manner that in the fall of 1906 he was elected to the office of sheriff, which term continued until January 4, 1909, having made a record that reflected much credit upon himself and gave eminent satisfaction to all concerned, irrespective of party alignment. Upon the expiration of his term of office he engaged in the livery business in Mt. Vernon for over a year; then he went with the Ohio

Fuel Supply Company in the leasing department and operated in Ohio and West Virginia and he continued with this company until April 1, 1911, when he was appointed chief of police of Mt. Vernon, which office he is holding in his usual satisfactory manner, giving it his closest attention and discharging his every duty with fidelity and a public spirit that elicits the hearty approval of the people. Politically, he is a Republican and he has been active in party affairs since attaining his majority. He was a member of the city council from the sixth ward in 1902, serving one term, and was city treasurer in 1903 and 1904. He has always been regarded as a faithful and efficient public official.

Fraternally, Mr. Clements is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he has been exalted ruler; he also belongs to the Woodmen of the World, standing high in all these orders.

Mr. Clements was married on June 25, 1896, to Mary C. Chase, daughter of O. C. and Jerusha (Holt) Chase, a highly honored family of Mt. Vernon, who came from Morrow county, Ohio. Mr. Chase is a tinner and is engaged in business in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Clements have the following children: Mildred B., Margaret, George W. and Marian E.

The family home is at No. 201 East Hamtramck street. Mr. Clements is a man of high character and standing in the community and is faithful to every trust that has been reposed in him, seeking to do the right at all times as he sees and understands the right.

LYMAN WORKMAN.

Among those who first braved the wilds of Knox county when the Indians were still here and wild animals were everyday sights in the dense woods, was the progenitor of Lyman Workman, well known carpenter and builder of Brown township. At the time all of southern Ohio was an almost unbroken wilderness, with a general covering of heavy timber, but here and there interspersed with small open tracts or prairies. When the first Workman arrived here the wigwams of different tribes of red men dotted the banks of every stream in the country. They fished and hunted and always brought in many kinds of game they killed. Joseph Workman, the subject's paternal grandfather, came from Maryland with his family in 1812, leaving his home in company with other emigrants for Ohio, but while enroute he

was drafted for service in the war of 1812, thus, leaving his family and teams, he returned to Maryland, secured a substitute, later rejoining his family and proceeded to Ohio. He first settled in Union township, south of Danville, Knox county, there entering one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government. This was wholly in the deep woods and the trees and brush had to be cleared off before a crop could be raised. Here he erected a log cabin and began to experience the hard work and privations of the life of a first settler. But there were many pleasures in the woods for all that, the pleasure of rearing his large family being not the least, for in such environment a happy household may be established easier than in the midst of populous surroundings, for reasons too evident to recite here. There were eight sons and six daughters in Joseph Workman's family, a remarkable thing about this large family being that they all grew to manhood and womanhood and lived useful lives. Here the parents, Joseph and Sarah Workman, spent the balance of their lives, becoming leaders in Union and adjoining townships, known for their integrity and hospitality, Joseph Workman dying at the age of sixty-six years, his widow surviving to quite an old age.

Joseph Workman, Jr., father of Lyman Workman, the immediate subject of this sketch, was the first child of this large family to be born after coming to Knox county. He grew up amid pioneer conditions and worked hard on the home place, in fact, he devoted his life to farming, married Christine Ross, who was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, from which the Ross family came to Knox county, Ohio, about 1835.

To Joseph, Jr., and Christine (Ross) Workman four sons and two daughters were born to grow to maturity, others dying in infancy; those who survived were Elizabeth, now Mrs. Irvin Armstrong; Solomon R., of Brown township, this county; Lyman, of this review; Marilla married Jobe Grant, of Pike township; Channing lives in Seattle, Washington. The parents of these children are both deceased, the father having died in August, 1881, and the mother at an earlier date, in October, 1864.

Lyman Workman, of this sketch, was born in Brown township, Knox county, Ohio, on July 16, 1845, on the home farm four miles north of Danville, and there he grew to manhood, assisting with the general work about the place, and he received his education in the common schools during the time that he was not assisting with the crops on the farm. He was married on November 15, 1874, to Victoria Vincent, daughter of S. M. and Rosanna (Lybarger) Vincent, a highly respected family of Brown township, this county, and this union has resulted in the birth of four children, namely:

William V. is married and lives on the home farm; Myrtle is now Mrs. Albert J. Young, of Akron, Ohio; Samuel J. lives in Brown township, this county; Charles is single and is living at home.

Early in life Lyman Workman learned the carpenter's trade and this he has followed to the present time, being one of the most efficient and popular carpenters and builders of this part of the county. Most of the best farm residences and large barns, also many public buildings in this locality, stand as monuments to his skill as a builder. He is one of the busiest contractors in the county. He also has a farm four miles north of Danville, where he has always resided, overseeing the operation of the same, which is a valuable, productive and well improved place, and here he has a substantial and pleasant home.

Politically, Mr. Workman is a Democrat and he has long manifested an interest in public affairs. Something of the confidence in which he is held by the people of his community may be seen from the fact that he served as trustee of Brown township for a period of twenty years. He was also a member of the township school board for many years. His friends have frequently urged his candidacy for county commissioner, but he has persistently refused. He is a progressive citizen, favoring all legitimate public improvements in so far as they are consistent to the public good.

JOHN J. PFOUTS.

Optometry has become within the past two or three decades a distinct and, indeed, an indispensable branch of science and those who have selected it as their life work and have taken the proper pains to prepare themselves for its successful application are meeting with gratifying results and are to be found in nearly every city. We of the present generation seem to be much more in need of their services than were our fathers and grandfathers. Young people in the days of the early settling of this country had no trouble, generally or abstractly speaking, with their eyes, but for various reasons, which we would be presumptuous to attempt to explain or to account for here, the human race, as a whole, is not blessed with the perfect sight known in former epochs.

A man of marked capacity and capability in this special profession is John J. Pfouts, of Mt. Vernon, Knox county. He was born on April 9, 1883, near Wilmot, Stark county, Ohio, and he is the son of John and Samantha (Beidler) Pfouts, both natives of Stark county, and there they

grew up, were educated in the early schools and were married and there they spent their lives engaged in agricultural pursuits, both being now deceased.

Doctor Pfouts grew to maturity on the home farm, where he made himself useful in his boyhood days, and in that vicinity he attended the district schools. He was a very assiduous student and mastered the various branches quickly and easily, so that at the early age of sixteen years he began teaching school. Later he attended Wooster University at Wooster, Ohio, for two years and there made an excellent record, after which he resumed teaching, which he followed successfully for six years in all, and he ranked high among his contemporaries in this field of endeavor; but finally, tiring of the school room, he entered the Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria, Illinois, from which he was graduated in optometry in 1907, with an excellent record. He then went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in a jewelry and optical store for one year, at the expiration of which he came to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and opened jewelry and optical parlors at No. 6 Vine street, where he has a neat, attractive and thoroughly and modernly equipped place of business. He gives his special attention to optical work and is a recognized expert and he has a large and rapidly growing clientage, his patrons coming from remote distances. His work has proven eminently satisfactory in every respect.

Mr. Pfouts is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 140, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was married on September 28, 1910, to Susie Willaman, the accomplished daughter of J. S. and Sarah (Shick) Willaman, of New Berlin, Stark county, Ohio, where the father is one of the community's prosperous and highly respected farmers. The mother is also still living.

Mr. Pfouts is a young man of pleasing address, makes and retains friends easily, is highly educated and is always a student, especially in the branches that pertain to his profession and he has won the respect of a large circle of acquaintances and friends since casting his lot in Mt. Vernon.

SAMUEL H. ISRAEL.

Prominent in the business life of Mt. Vernon and this locality, preeminently distinguished for his splendid ability in carrying to completion important enterprises and enjoying marked prestige in many things, aside from his pronounced financial talents, far beyond the limits of the community honored by his citizenship, Samuel H. Israel stands out a clear and conspicu-

ous figure among the successful men of a part of the great Buckeye state noted throughout the commonwealth for its high order of intelligence and business talent.

Mr. Israel is the scion of one of the leading and most influential pioneer families in Knox county, and his birth occurred in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on December 16, 1846, in the same house where he has ever since resided, for he has never cared to leave "the roof that heard his earliest cry" for any other place of abode, knowing well that "home is best." Here, at No. 208 North Main street, long lived his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Harper) Israel, and a brother of James Israel, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Samuel H. Israel was educated in the public schools of Mt. Vernon and soon after leaving the school room he was engaged with his father in securing rights-of-way for the extension of the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad from Millersburg, in Holmes county, through Mt. Vernon to Columbus. When these rights-of-way had been secured and the building of the road made possible, he was engaged in contract construction work of the line, which work occupied him for two or three years, from 1871 to 1873, inclusive. Following this he was one of the promoters and organizers of the Knox County Savings Bank in 1873 and he became its first cashier, in which position he continued successfully until 1906, when he succeeded to the presidency of the bank, which position he now fills, and it is safe to say that the widespread popularity of this safe and conservative institution has been due very largely to his able and judicious management, until today its prestige stamps it as one of the sound financial institutions of this part of the state. From a rather small beginning it has grown to one of the leading banks in Knox county. It was first located at No. 8 North Main street, and there it continued to do business until 1906, when it moved to its present handsome and commodious quarters at No. 26 Public Square. A general banking business is carried on under the latest and most approved methods and its patrons are constantly increasing.

Mr. Israel has also been treasurer of the Home Building and Loan Company, another of the popular, solid and successful financial institutions of Mt. Vernon, he having held this position continuously since its organization in 1885. With the growth, development and successful management of these two institutions Mr. Israel has been connected in a leading capacity since their organization and they have had his entire business attention and best thought and ability. He is known to be a careful, conservative and energetic business man, his methods always consistent with best banking methods. He

is by nature an organizer and promoter, a man of keen discernment and wise foresight, straightforward and honest to the letter in all his dealings, consequently he has ever enjoyed the confidence and good will of those with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Israel was born and bred a Democrat and he did not depart from his raising until 1896, when he voted for William McKinley for President. He has never been an active partisan, but is well informed on public topics and campaign issues, and has always stood ready to lend his support to all measures looking to the general advancement of his county and state. While not a member of any church, he has always afiliated with the Episcopal church, the choice of his parents.

Mr. Israel has never married. Personally, he is a man of pleasing address, genial, generous and a good mixer, always unassuming.

CHARLES K. SALISBURY.

One of the most evident things to the thoughtful men of affairs is that life at no stage is a bed of roses. There are thorns, and many of them, along the pathway of every one, and the lucky ones are those who are pierced by the fewest and avoid the most. It will probably not be disputed that all persons should keep in view the important duty of pulling out the thorns from the feet of those who are less fortunate. They may thus not only lay up treasures for themselves, but help strew the pathway of some less fortunate mortals with roses. After a short time this important duty will become a pleasure and then the whole world, in all its harshness and with all its thorns, will begin to blossom in real earnest. Charles K. Salisbury, well known real estate, loan and insurance dealer of Mt. Vernon and one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Knox county, is one who believes in the motto, "Live and let live." He does not care to rise if he has to trample over the rights of others to do so. He believes in honest emulation and fair competition and is willing to march side by side with his fellow creatures and take his chances with the rest, giving them their dues and taking his own. And because of these and other commendable attributes he has won and retained the unlimited confidence and respect of all with whom he has come into contact, either in a business or social way.

Mr. Salisbury was born in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1875. He is the son of Judson A. and Nora D. Salisbury, a highly respected family of that

county, and successful farmers. The subject spent his early boyhood on the home farm, where he assisted with the various chores in the summer and attended the district schools in the winter, remaining on the farm until he was fifteen years of age. Then his father died and the mother and rest of the family subsequently moved to Mt. Vernon, Knox county, where they have lived since about 1890.

In 1903 Mr. Salisbury engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business in Mt. Vernon, and this has been his chief line of endeavor ever since, having built up a large and ever-growing business. He is well informed on the values of real estate in Mt. Vernon and Knox county and he is kept very busy with his various lines of work.

Mr. Salisbury was married in June, 1899, to Nellie M. Robinson. She was born in Mt. Vernon, where she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is the daughter of William S. and Mary E. (Lane) Robinson. Three children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Mary E., Charles W. and Louise D.

Mr. Salisbury is a member of the Baptist church and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, he is a Republican and takes an active part in public affairs, lending his support to all measures looking to the good of the community whose interests he has at heart. He is a member of the Mt. Vernon city council.

LEWIS B. HOUCK.

Whether the elements of success in life are innate attributes of the individual or whether they are quickened by a process of circumstantial development, it is impossible to clearly determine. Yet the study of a successful life, whatever the field of endeaver, is none the less interesting and profitable by reason of existence of this same uncertainty. One of the well known citizens of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, who deserves distinctive prestige among the enterprising men of affairs is Lewis B. Houck. He has earned the right to be called one of the progressive men of this locality, having fought his way onward and upwards to a prominent position in the circles in which he has chosen to move, and in every relation of life his voice and influence are on the side of right as he sees and understands the right.

Mr. Houck was born on April 19, 1867, in Bladensburg, Knox county,

Ohio. He is the son of Washington and Avaline (Bebout) Houck. Grandfather William Houck was a resident of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and was a Revolutionary soldier. His son, Washington Houck, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in that county and in 1822 he came with the early settlers to Knox county, Ohio, locating in Jackson township, having made the entire journey from his old home in the Keystone state on foot. Here he became very well established, and later laid out the town of Bladensburg on his farm and built the first home there. In connection with general farming Mr. Houck conducted a general store in Bladensburg for a number of years, being regarded as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of that community, filling many offices of trust and responsibility there. In 1822 he organized a Disciples church in his own home in Bladensburg, which was the first Disciples congregation in Ohio, and he was later made an elder in that church. His uncle, Jacob Houck, laid out the town of Centerburg, Knox county, in 1817, and thus the family was active and prominent in the progress and development of this locality. Mrs. Houck's parents, Lewis and Elizabeth Bebout, came from Greene county, Pennsylvania, to Clay township, Knox county, in 1826.

Lewis B. Houck, of this review, spent his childhood and youth in his native village of Bladensburg, and there attended the public schools, later entering the nomal school at Martinsburg, then Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio. With this broad and liberal foundation, he took up the study of law in the office of H. D. Critchfield at Mt. Vernon, who afterwards became general counsel for the United States Telephone Company at Cleveland. In 1892 Mr. Houck was admitted to the bar and immediately opened offices in Mt. Vernon. Well grounded in the principles of jurisprudence and with an industry which knew no bounds, he immediately began to acquire a good practice, his clientage soon embracing those whose business was of most important character and his practice extending to all the courts of the district and state. A safe counselor and an able advocate, he has won many notable cases, has kept fully abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his profession and won a place in the front rank of the legal lights of this section of the state, being an earnest, painstaking, far-seeing and cautious lawyer who always has the interests of his clients at heart and spares no pains in furthering their interests.

Before Mr. Houck began his career as an attorney he engaged successfully in teaching in the district schools of the county for a period of eight years, and for nine years, from 1888 to 1897, he was a member of the county board of school examiners for Knox county, this being a longer time

than that of any other official in the same office. In 1898 he was elected to the Mt. Vernon city council and was re-elected in 1890 and 1892. He has always been active in the Democratic party, making his influence felt in local and state politics. He served on the county central committee and as chairman of the executive committee of the county and for years he has rendered efficient service to the Democratic cause. He was elected to the Ohio State Senate in 1903 and while a member of that distinguished body he made his influence felt for the good of his native community and the state in general. He served on many important committees, including the judiciary, taxation, labor, fees and salaries and various others, eleven in all. It was during his term that the Ohio state sanatorium for tuberculosis patients was authorized and its location secured for Knox county. In the state campaign of 1905 he was nominated by his party as its candidate for lieutenant-governor, and while John M. Patterson, the candidate for governor, was able to overcome the great Republican majority, the remainder of the Democratic state ticket was defeated. When Governor Patterson was inaugurated he selected Mr. Houck as his private secretary, which responsible and difficult position he filled with such ability and fidelity that it brought much credit to himself and the hearty commendation of the governor, continuing his duties in this capacity until after the death of his chief, who was succeeded by Lieutenant-Governor Andrew L. Harris, a Republican, and Mr. Houck retired.

In fraternal circles Mr. Houck is a member of the various Masonic bodies and he is past chancellor of Timon Lodge No. 45, Knights of Pythias; past grand of Quindaro Lodge No. 316, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and he is regent of Mt. Vernon Council No. 11, Royal Arcanum. He served as grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1908 and 1909, and has been representative to the grand lodge of both the Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He has long been prominent in fraternal circles of this section of the state.

Few men are more generally known throughout the state than Mr. Houck through his fraternal and political acquaintances, and he has won the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

In religion Mr. Houck's views are in harmony with the doctrines and teachings of the Disciples church, in which he was reared.

Mr. Houck was married on December 12, 1894, to Arla B. Nicholls, the refined and talented daughter of Daniel and Caroline (McCamment) Nicholls. Grandfather Thomas Nicholls was a soldier in the war of 1812 and he came from Brooke county, Virginia, to Knox county, Ohio, in the

very early history of this county, about 1810. The maternal grandfather, John S. McCamment, was also a pioneer here, having come from Greene county, Pennsylvania, in the early years of the last century and here both families became well established and known. The elder McCamment took considerable interest in public affairs and served as county commissioner in the early days and for three terms as infirmary director. For thirty years he was a justice of the peace in Jackson township and won high regard for his equity and justice.

One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Houck, Lewis Daniel, now thirteen years of age and a pupil of the Mt. Vernon high school, where he is making a splendid record.

Mr. Houck has won an enviable place among men, a leader in his profession and in the political party to which he has ever been loyal, also in fraternal and social circles. He has little time for leisure, always being busy with some important matter. He has been faithful to every trust reposed in him, is systematic in his work, painstaking and untiring, accomplishing what would astonish many men. He is pronounced in his views, always having the courage of his convictions, but is fair and considerate to his opponents. His pleasant, hospitable home is one of the most imposing in the city, located at No. 107 North Main street, and here the many friends of the family frequently gather, never failing to find here good cheer and old-time friendliness.

DR. CHARLES KINSEY CONARD.

Doctor Conard was born on April 19, 1865, at Utica, Licking county, Ohio, and is the son of Cyrus M. and Sarah (Kinsey) Conard. The family name is of German origin and was originally spelled Conrad. Early in the sixteenth century, the traditional three brothers of this name emigrated from Holland and located in Germantown, Pennsylvania, where one of the number, Cyrus M. Conard's great-grandfather, was killed by Indians. Nathan Conard, grandfather of Doctor Conard, came from Virginia to Ohio in 1808. He made a business of dressing mill-stones. On one of his mill-stone expeditions to Mt. Vernon, he saw his first saw-mill, which had just started and he carried home a sawed board on horse-back, a distance of thirteen miles, as a curiosity. He located near Utica, where he established a home, became prominent among the pioneers, and was the owned of a large tract of valuable land and he gave farms to all of his children. One of his grandchildren

has the original farm that has been in the Conard family over a hundred years.

The mother of Cyrus Conard was a Butcher and her people came from England. The Kinsey family settled in the eastern part of Knox county at what was called Rochester, below Millwood. The ancestors of the subject figured prominently in the early history of the county, and from the pioneer epoch to the present the name has been an honored and well known one. The Doctor grew to maturity on the home farm where he assisted with the general duties about the place during the crop seasons and attended the public schools at Utica, and then, turning his attention to the art of healing, he began studying medicine under Dr. M. F. Cole. He then attended the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio where he made a splendid record and from which he was graduated in 1890. He came at once to Mt. Vernon, where he has been successfully engaged in the practice, enjoying a wide and ever-increasing patronage. Always a student, he has kept well abreast of the times and has been very successful. Since locating here he took post-graduate courses at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and also at the New York Polyclinic School.

Doctor Conard married Eva B. Jackson, daughter of Isaac L. Jackson, a well known citizen living northwest of Mt. Vernon, their wedding occurring on June 27, 1889, and this union has resulted in the birth of two children, Carroll D. and Cora Marie. The son, now twenty years old, is attending the medical college at Cleveland from which his father was graduated; the daughter is a student in Mt. Vernon.

Fraternally, the Doctor is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Ben Hur, and he and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is medical examiner for several insurance companies and fraternal organizations. The family lives in a picturesque and historic old building which was used for the Mt. Vernon postoffice in 1835.

ELLSWORTH W. BREECE.

So much in excess of those of success are the records of failures or semi-failures, that one is constrained to attempt an analysis in either case and to determine the measure of causation in an approximate way. But in studying the life record of Ellsworth W. Breece, well known business man and public spirited citizen of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, we find many quali-

ties in his makeup that always gain definite success in any career if properly directed, as his has evidently been done, which has resulted in a life of good to others as well as in a comfortable competence to himself.

Mr. Breece was born in Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio, on January 11, 1867. He is the son of Edson J. and Ruth (Snow) Breece, the father born in Knox county and the mother in Lake county, Ohio. The father of the subject was a painter and paper-hanger and he spent all of his active life in Fredericktown, spending the last few years of his life in Mt. Vernon, his death occurring there on September 15, 1907. His widow died April 2, 1910.

Ellsworth W. Breece spent his childhood and youth in Fredericktown and was educated in the public schools there, graduating from the high school in 1885. After leaving school he worked with his father at the painting and decorating business, and on January 1, 1889, he secured employment with the Bell Telephone Company as inspector, his first work being done in Mt. Vernon. Five months later he went to Mansfield, thence, a month later, to Lancaster as manager for this company. We find him nine months later at Newark as manager of the same company and there he remained four years. In 1894 he was appointed superintendent of cable construction for the Bell Telephone Company for the states of Ohio Indiana and Illinois, which position he held with his usual success for three years, all the while perfecting himself in every detail of the business. He then gave up his position with the Bell people and returned to Fredericktown and followed his trade as painter and decorator. On September 15, 1898, he engaged with the Mt. Vernon Telephone Company as an inspector. He has filled every position up to that of superintendent, to which he was appointed in October, 1900, the duties of which he has discharged in such an able, conscientious and faithful manner as to reflect much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of officials, stockholders and directors as well as the public, proving by his high grade service that he not only understands every phase of the business, but also that he desires to so direct its affairs that the system will be of the greatest power in the upbuilding of the community.

The Mt. Vernon Telephone Company commenced business on July 1, 1895, and it has since had a steady growth. When Mr. Breece became superintendent the firm had only three hundred and forty subscribers. They had the Mt. Vernon exchange and one at Fredericktown with eighteen telephones. Under Mr. Breece's management the business of the company has grown to forty-five hundred telephones with eight exchanges, with long distance con-

nections to all points north, south, east and west. In 1907 the company erected the splendid three-story brick building for the accommodation of business and exchange in Mt. Vernon, the entire building being occupied by the company's offices, exchanges, supplies, and in the rear of the building are the stables for the horses and wagons of the company. Every modern appliance and equipment for the highest possible efficiency has been installed. The record of calls shows that a service of an average of three seconds has been made, this probably not being surpassed by any exchange in the state. To Mr. Breece more than to anyone else is due this remarkable development of the company and its splendid service. The people at Mt. Vernon and Knox county heartily indorse Mr. Breece and his telephone company. The subject does not give his entire attention to this business now that it has been firmly established and in good shape. He is heavily interested in the R. G. Brock & Company's meat market at No. 18 North Main street. He has been interested in the oil and gas development in Knox county, being one of the promotors and stockholders of the Ankenytown Oil and Gas Company. He has met with large success in a financial way, due to his individual efforts.

Mr. Breece was married on January 30, 1887, to Esta M. Phillips, daughter of Jacob and Mariah (Painter) Phillips, a highly esteemed family of Utica, Licking county, Ohio. This union has resulted in the birth of three sons and three daughters, namely: Dema married Ralph G. Brock, who is in the meat business with Mr. Breece; Edson lives in Mt. Vernon; John, Robert and Marie are all attending school; Helen is the youngest child.

Fraternally, Mr. Breece is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the National Union, and Henry Banning Camp, Sons of Veterans, he being eligible for membership in the latter by virtue of the fact that his father, Edgar J. Breece, was a soldier in the Federal army during the Civil war, having enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served with much credit until the close of the war, in the Army of the Potomac, participating in many of the greatest battles of the war. The subject regards his membership in the Sons of Veterans as a high privilege and is much interested and active in the work of the local camp, being past commander of the same. Politically, he is a Republican, having long taken much interest in party matters. He has served both as secretary and treasurer of the Republican county executive committee and as a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions, in all of which he has made his influence felt for the good of his community and the party. He affiliates with the Methodist church, of which his wife is a member. He has a pleasant, modern

and attractive home at No. 122 North McKenzie street. Personally, he is a pleasant, genial and obliging gentleman whom everybody likes and whom it is a pleasure to know.

WILLIAM LANE ROBINSON.

While yet a young man, William Lane Robinson, of Mt. Vernon, has achieved a splendid record at the Knox county bar, having brought the qualifications and forces of a drilled, disciplined and well-nigh brilliant intellect, to the active practice of the law, when he entered upon its complex duties and responsibilities. He has not entered the ranks unarmed or ill equipped, to be worsted in an unequal contest with the grim old veterans of the local bar. His force and effectiveness is strongly emphasized in his preparation of cases and in his arguments to the jury, quickly grasping their minds by the compass of his own. The calm and masterly manner in which he disposed of the preliminary considerations is a reminder of the experienced general, quietly arranging his forces and preparing to press down in overwhelming force upon a weak point. His manner becomes aroused, his action animated. In the careful work of preparation, the minute construction of sentences and marshaling of arguments, he is not surpassed by any of the younger attorneys of this section of the Buckeye commonwealth.

Mr. Robinson was born in Mt. Vernon, this county, on April 15, 1880, the son of William S. and Mary E. (Lane) Robinson, the father born in Messingham, Lincolnshire, England, and the mother in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, this family being an old and honored one here. Oren Lane, his great-grandfather, came to this county from Noble county in 1826 and became prominent among the pioneers; he originally came from Connecticut. He established a good home a short distant west of the present town of Gambier, and devoted much of his life to school teaching. During vacations he assisted in building old Kenyon College, and threw out the first shovelful of dirt there. He was a personal friend of Bishop Chase, who was instrumental in inducing him to come to this county. The early records of the Lane family show that three brothers emigrated to America from England in 1630, and ever since they have been leaders in whatever community they have located. Oren Lane, mentioned above, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He is buried in the college cemetery back of Ross hall at Kenyon College. His son, James A. Lane, was a soldier in the Civil war. He was a brick and stone mason and built several of the large smokestacks for the big manufacturing concerns of Mt. Vernon.

In 1884 the parents of Willam L. Robinson took him to California, where they lived until 1887, then moved back to Mt. Vernon, and here the boy grew up and attended the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1898. The next four years he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he made an excellent record and from which institution he was graduated in 1902. Soon afterwards he earnestly took up the study of law in the office of Cooper & Moore, of Mt. Vernon. In 1903 he entered the law department of Harvard University and was graduated with a very creditable record in 1906. Following his graduation, he was admitted to the bar in Ohio, then spent a few months in the office of Waight & Moore. In April, 1907, he opened an office and began the practice of his profession in Mt. Vernon and has remained here to the present time, building up a very satisfactory and ever-growing clientage.

Mr. Robinson was married on September 12, 1910, to Lora A. Howe, daughter of William and Harriet A. (Lester) Howe. She was born and reared at Tuscola, Illinois, her grandparents having been the first settlers in Douglas county.

Mr. Robinson is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, also the Phi Beta Kappa society. He belongs to the Methodist Espicopal church, while his wife is affiliated with the Presbyterian. Politically he is a stanch Republican. He is a well educated, cultured and refined gentleman, and the future no doubt holds much in store for him.

SCOTT D. KERR.

There is a great deal in being born under a good eye—one that watches and guards off the error and folly that overtake so many young men. The father and the mother who are able to infuse into their children the spirit of the Spartans—the spirit that can meet any fate and make the most of the world—will see their children grow to years of maturity with excellent habits and splendid principles and see them become exemplary citizens. Scott D. Kerr, one of Jackson township's able tillers of the soil, was fortunate in having an excellent father and mother, honest, high-minded and solicitous of the welfare of their family and kind to their neighbors, and the result of their pains in rearing their children is seen today in the wholesome lives of their offspring, thus bearing out the admonition of Holy Writ, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Mr. Kerr was born about one-half mile from his present home in Jackson township, Knox county, on May 27, 1860. He is the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Holmes) Kerr, and the grandson of Joseph and Elizabeth Kerr, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Knox county very early and settled in Jackson township where they developed a good farm and spent the balance of their lives, Mr. Kerr having entered land from the government when the country was new and neighbors were the exception rather than the rule. The subject's maternal grandparents, Charles and Sarah (Swahlen) Holmes, were also natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Coshocton county, Ohio, where they spent the rest of their lives.

The father of the subject was born in Knox county and the mother first saw the light of day near Spring Mountain, Coshocton county. They were married here and spent their active lives on a farm, Mr. Kerr finally becoming the owner of two hundred and fifty acres, and one of the progressive agriculturists of his community. He lived a quiet and retired life, devoting his attention to his farm and family. He met with misfortune by losing an eye, which was struck by a flying chip, and nearly went blind as a result of it. He was always highly esteemed by those who knew him well, for he was a man of fine character. His death occurred on June 16, 1869.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kerr, four of whom are still living, four having died in infancy, and a daughter died on February 25, 1909.

Scott D. Kerr was reared on his father's farm and there assisted with the general work in his boyhood. He was educated in the Front Royal school house. He began farming for himself by renting the home place for five years, then bought thirty-three and one-third acres, in addition to his own share, later adding thirty-nine acres, then bought seventy-five acres, his mother's interest (the mother having died on January 10, 1894), and he is now the owner of about one hundred and eighty-three acres of excellent land in Jackson township, which he has kept well cultivated and well improved, and where he carries on general farming and stock raising successfully, making a specialty of short horn cattle, Merino sheep and Poland-China hogs. He has a splendid set of buildings on his place and, in fact, everything is in shipshape, showing that a gentleman of industry and good taste as well has its management in hand.

Politically, Mr. Kerr is a Democrat, and he takes much interest in public affairs. He and his wife are members of the Dennis church.

Mr. Kerr was married in January, 1883, to Alpha Hall, a native of Knox county and the daughter of Jehu and Phoebe Hall, both born in this county,

also, and the paternal grandparents, Elijah and Matilda Hall, were also old settlers here. The maternal grandparents, Abijah and Eliza McLean, were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania, spending their childhood in the vicinity of Rice's Landing. Both families moved here in early days and here the parents of Mrs. Kerr became very comfortably established. The father was a tailor, and his death occurred on July 24, 1865; the mother died on August 16, 1896.

One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, namely: Ada Lee, who married M. N. Ross, on December 27, 1905; they live in Jackson township, Knox county, and are the parents of two daughters, Pauline Elizabeth and Helen Thelma.

WILLIAM F. SEMPLE, D. D. S.

Concentration of purpose and persistently applied energy rarely fail of success in the accomplishment of any task, however great, and in tracing the career of Dr. William F. Semple, a well-known dentist of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, it is plainly seen that these things have been the secret of his rise to a prominent position in the professional world and in winning the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Moreover, he possesses genuine love for his work and regards it as a privilege to carry comfort and aid to the suffering.

Doctor Semple was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in the town of Canonsburg. He is the son of Alexander W. and Mary (Finley) Semple. These parents moved to Steubenville, Ohio, when their son, William F., was only a child, and there the father practiced his profession of dentistry and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives.

Doctor Semple was educated in the public schools of Steubenville and Grove Academy, of Steubenville, under Dr. John W. Scott. After leaving the academy he began the study of dentistry in his father's office and he remained with his father until 1858. At that time there were no dental colleges, but in 1868 he appeared before the Ohio state board of dental examiners, stood a satisfactory examination, and has a diploma that he is very proud of. In 1858 he came to Fredericktown, Knox county, and opened an office there. In 1867 he came to Mt. Vernon and opened an office and here he has been continuously engaged in practice to the present day, enjoying a liberal patronage from all over this locality. In point of years of practice he is now the oldest practicing dentist in Mt. Vernon and has been one of the

most successful, keeping fully abreast of advancing methods and ever remaining a close student of all that pertains to his profession, known all over Knox county as a skilled practitioner and he has always enjoyed a wide clientage. He has a well arranged office equipped with the most modern and best improved instruments and appliances known to the profession. His office is located at Vine and South Main streets.

Doctor Semple was married in September, 1859, to Abbie Young, daughter of Nathaniel M. and Belinda (Shurr) Young, a well known family of Fredericktown, Knox county, and to this union three children have been born, one of whom died in infancy; Jennie married William C. McFadden, of Fargo, North Dakota, where he is president of the Commercial Bank; Carl Y., who lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is president of the Citizens State Bank at Coalgate, that state, and he is engaged in business in Oklahoma City.

Politically, Doctor Semple is a Republican and while always interested in public matters, he has never been an office seeker. He has been a member of the Masonic order for more than fifty years. He and his wife belong to St. Paul's Episcopal church and have always been active in church work. Personally, he is a polished, genial, broad-minded and companionable gentleman.

In 1905 Doctor Semple formed a partnership with Albert W. Crumley for the practice of dentistry. A sketch of Dr. Crumley appears on another page of this work.

ALBERT W. CRUMLEY, D. D. S.

One of the skilled and popular practitioners of dental surgery in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is Dr. Albert W. Crumley, in partnership with Dr. William F. Semple, whose record is elsewhere set forth in this history. The former is a man of such industry, adroitness and integrity as to render him popular with the masses and with the esteem and confidence of all concerned. He has succeeded despite the obstacles encountered on life's rough highway, and has never permitted adverse circumstances in any relation of life to dampen his ardor in material things or turn him into a misanthrope or cynic.

Doctor Crumley was born on May 3, 1858, near Cooperdale, Coshocton county, Ohio, and is the son of Samuel and Catherine (Stevens) Crumley. The father was a carpenter by trade and was known as a very skilled workman. In 1874 the family moved to Mt. Vernon where the father has since

been engaged as a carpenter and a contractor, having been fairly successful in a business way, and here he and his wife still reside.

Doctor Crumley was educated in the district schools of Coshocton county, and when the family moved to Mt. Vernon, he entered the office of his uncle, Dr. Robert Stevens, for the purpose of studying dentistry and he remained with his uncle until Doctor Stevens left Mt. Vernon for Lima, Ohio. The subject was then, in 1880, employed in the office of Dr. William F. Semple, mentioned above, remaining in the capacity of assistant until 1895, when these two gentlemen formed a partnership, which has continued most successfully to the present time, this firm becoming one of the best known and most successful in this section of the country. The subject has kept thoroughly abreast of the best methods and appliances known to the profession.

Doctor Crumley was married on May 3, 1893, to Lillian Scott, daughter of J. Foster and Frances (Elliott) Scott, a highly respected family. To the Doctor and wife one daughter, Ellen K., has been born.

Doctor Crumley in his fraternal relations is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 140, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and religiously he affiliates with the Presbyterian church, of which his wife and daughter are members. He is a Republican in politics, but has never taken an active interest in public affairs. He is a very pleasant gentleman to meet and his reputation for honesty has remained unassailed.

CASSIUS B. MOREE.

Berlin township, Knox county, can claim many progressive agriculturists, but it is doubtful if Cassius B. Moree is surpassed by any of them, as only a cursory glance at his well tilled, well improved farmstead will show, for he has always believed it wise to do thoroughly whatever was worth attempting at all, and he was never known to go at his tasks half-heartedly, neither has he depended upon others to either lay his plans or execute them. His life has been led along conservative lines and modulated according to the Golden Rule, so that he has always had the respect of his fellow men.

Mr. Moree was born in Richland county, Ohio, May 31, 1864. He is the son of Christopher and Maria (Leedy) Moree. The paternal grandparents, Rudolph and Ann (Biederman) Moree, were natives of Switzerland, and in 1826 the family came to America, and after leaving his family at Lancaster

the grandfather came on foot to Richland county, Ohio, and there bought one hundred and sixty acres, which he cleared and improved, brought his family here as soon as he had prepared a shelter for them, and here he spent the balance of his life. Upon coming to America he sailed from Havre, France, the voyage requiring fifty days in an old-fashioned sailing vessel. The maternal grandparents, Samuel and Catherine (Lett) Leedy, were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively, and they came to Ohio and located in Richland county, near Ankenytown, and he got land in both counties, and there he and his wife spent the balance of their lives.

The father was born in Switzerland on February 9, 1823, and he came to America as a child with his parents and located at Lancaster, Ohio, and later moved to Richland county where he was reared and married. The mother of the subject was born in Richland county, Ohio, on February 26, 1826, and there was reared, educated and married. The father was a cabinetmaker and was a skilled workman. Later in life he worked at the carpenter's trade and in the furniture business and he made coffins. He moved to Knox county about 1873 and here spent the rest of his life. Politically, he was a Republican, but was not an office seeker. He and his wife belonged to the Brethren church.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Moree, all living at this writing. The father's death occurred on May 9, 1908; the mother survives.

Cassius B. Moree was educated in the public schools and when a boy he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for two years, and he was employed as bridge carpenter for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. In 1873 he and his father bought twenty-five acres and since then he has added to his place until he now has ninety-nine acres in partnership with his brother and he has enjoyed a very comfortable income as a general farmer and stock raiser.

Politically, Mr. Moree is a Republican. He belongs to the Progressive church, while his wife is a member of the Disciples church. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias for about twenty-one years.

Mr. Moore was married on October 7, 1895, to Verda May Izer, who was born May 27, 1871, in Richland county, Ohio. She is the daughter of Joseph and Susan Izer. The father was killed by falling off a straw-stack, and the mother died on January 19, 1906. Mr. Izer was born in Maryland and his wife in Pennsylvania. They were married in the latter state. Mr. Izer devoted his life to farming and owned ninety acres at the time of his death. He came to Ohio about 1866 and settled in Richland county and there

spent the rest of his life. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living. The mother was a member of the Disciples church.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Morse, namely: Mazie May died when seven months old; Reta is a student in the home schools; Grace died when seven months old; Glenn is a school boy; Hobart, Goldie Fay and Bessie Alverna.

FRANK M. COCHRAN.

There is no positive rule for achieving success, and yet in the life of the successful man there are always lessons which might well be followed. The man who gains prosperity is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that come in his path. Frank M. Cochran, well known business and real estate man of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, seems to be one who has had the ability and initiative to seize the right opportunity at the right time and triumph over obstacles where less courageous spirits would have yielded and gone under.

Mr. Cochran was born December 21, 1856, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and he has been content to make this his home, believing that no better place could be found for the exercise of his talents. He is the son of William and Lavila (Young) Cochran, each representing fine old pioneer families. The mother was one of a family of eleven daughters and four sons. The father was a plasterer by trade, which he plied successfully in Mt. Vernon and surrounding country for many years, or during his active life, his death occurring in 1899, his wife having preceded him to the grave about fifteen years.

Frank M. Cochran attended the public schools of Mt. Vernon when a boy, but when only twelve years of age he left school to return no more and entered the business world. He began carrying a hod for the plasterers under his father and later learned the plasterer's trade and when sixteen years of age was earning three dollars per day. He followed this trade with unvarying success until about 1900. Being skilled in his chosen line of endeavor and honest in all his dealings with his fellow men, his services were in great demand. He followed the line of contracting plasterer from the time he reached his majority until the year last mentioned, when he turned his attention to the real estate business. He plastered many of the best business blocks, public buildings and private residences in this locality. He has bought and sold a great number of farms and city property since engaging in the real estate business, and it is safe to say that no man in this vicinity is better informed on the value of local real estate. He has a pleasant and substantial

home and at No. 106 South Main street he has a well arranged and neatly-kept office.

Politically, Mr. Cochran is a Republican and has always been deeply interested in public affairs, but has never been an office seeker or holder. He is a member of the American Insurance Union.

Mr. Cochran was married twice, first in 1877 to Alice Church, daughter of Ball and Margaret Church of Mt. Vernon, which union resulted in the birth of one son, Walter, who makes his home in this city. The wife and mother passed to her rest in 1881, and in 1883 Mr. Cochran was married to Clara S. Dunlap, daughter of William and Martha Dunlap, of Knox county. To this union one daughter, Martha Virginia, was born; she is now a student in the Mt. Vernon schools.

Mr. Cochran and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. This family is highly respected throughout the city and vicinity.

PETER J. PARKER.

There is no positive rule for achieving success, and yet in the life of the successful man there are always lessons which might well be followed. The man who gains prosperity is he who can see and utilize opportunities that come in his path. This seems to have been done by Peter J. Parker, the present able and popular sheriff of Knox county, a man who has long figured more or less conspicuously in business and public life in Mt. Vernon, and who, for many reasons, is eminently entitled to specific mention in the history of his section of the Buckeye state, not the least of which is the fact that he is the worthy representative of a sterling old pioneer family whose excellent reputation he has ever sought to keep untarnished.

Mr. Parker was born May 2, 1867, at Gambier, College township, Knox county. He is the son of Peter and Mary (Esterbrook) Parker, both born in England, having emigrated to America when young, the mother with her parents at the age of eight years, the father being twenty-one years of age when he came, unaccompanied. He first permanently settled at Gambier, Ohio, was married in that place and spent the remainder of his life there. By trade he was a stone mason and stone cutter and contracted stone bridge work. He was a man of exemplary character and could claim a very wide circle of friends throughout the county. His death occurred in January, 1910; his widow still resides in Gambier, where she has a pleasant home.

The son, Peter J. Parker, spent his childhood and youth at Gambier where he attended the public schools. When a young man he learned telegraphy in the railroad office at Gambier, and his first employment was in November, 1888, as agent and operator at Condit, Delaware county, Ohio, for the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railroad Company, remaining there until April 11, 1890, when he went to Warsaw, Coshocton county, as agent and operator, remaining at Warsaw until August, 1892, when he became the agent of the Adams Express Company at Mt. Vernon, filling this position with his usual pronounced success and general satisfaction until November 1, 1895, when he went to Brink Haven, Knox county, as agent for the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad and remained in Brink Haven until August, 1907, when he gave up the railroad position and entered the Brink Haven Banking Company as cashier, which he held in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of the stockholders, other officials and all concerned until December 1, 1908. Having always been active in political affairs, he had made the race for sheriff of Knox county that year and had been elected at the polls in November, consequently gave up his position with the bank in order to assume his duties as sheriff, which he did in January, 1909. He handled its affairs with such consummate skill and fairness and proved to be such a popular official that his constituents gladly returned him to this office in the November election of 1910 and he entered upon his second term as sheriff on January 2, 1911, and is now discharging the duties of the same in a manner that has elicited the hearty approval of all concerned, irrespective of party alignment.

Politically, Mr. Parker is a Democrat and has always been regarded as a reliable party man. While a resident at Brink Haven he served as village clerk for two years. In whatever position as public servant he has been called upon to fill he has been found to be obliging, courteous, capable, ever painstaking and alert to serve the people in the best possible manner.

Mr. Parker was married on September 27, 1900, to Ida McDonnold, the accomplished daughter of ——— and Isabelle (Winslow) McDonnold, a highly respected family of Brink Haven. This union has resulted in the birth of one son, Thurston Parker.

Fraternally, Mr. Parker is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was reared and baptized an Episcopalian and he adheres to that faith, though not a member of the church. Mrs. Parker belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES W. HAYES.

In the daily laborious struggle for an honorable competence and a solid career on the part of a business or a professional man there is little to attract the casual reader in search of a sensational chapter; but to a mind thoroughly awake to the reality and meaning of human existence there are noble and imperishable lessons in the career of an individual who, with little other means than a clear head, true heart and a determined will, directed and controlled by high ideals, surmounts the common obstacles of life and gains the heights of even mediocre success and also the esteem of his fellow men. Such a one is found in the person of Charles W. Hayes, one of the best known and most successful educators of Knox county, Ohio. He is now county clerk.

Mr. Hayes was born October 20, 1873, in Morrow county, Ohio, the son of Jacob and Matilda (Lauderbaugh) Hayes, both natives of Knox county, Ohio, where they grew to maturity, were educated and married. After their marriage they moved to Morrow county, later moved to Morgan township, Knox county, where they now reside on a farm, being very comfortably established. They have lived on the farm all their lives. Jacob Hayes is a Democrat and has been more or less active in public matters, having filled the office of township trustee, township treasurer, township clerk and he was justice of the peace for a period of eighteen years in Morgan township, this county, and in Harmony township, Morrow county. In 1870 he was real estate appraiser in Harmony township, Morrow county, and in 1880 and 1890 he was real estate appraiser in Morgan township, Knox county. He is a man of exemplary character and is thoroughly informed upon all public questions, and at the age of eighty-five years he is still hale and hearty and active for a man of his years. He is living on the farm entered from the government by his father, James B. Hayes, who came to Knox county with the early pioneers from Greene county, Pennsylvania. The farm has remained in the family ever since. His grandfather, the great-grandfather of the subject, came from Ireland to America in early colonial days and was married in Philadelphia on April 4, 1759, and later moved to Greene county, Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life. Jacob Hayes is a member of the Universalist church and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

The son, Charles W. Hayes, spent his childhood and youth until eighteen years of age on the home farm, assisting with the general work about the place, attending the country district schools. He then entered the Martins-

burg high school, from which he was graduated in 1894. Following this he attended the Northwestern University at Ada, Ohio, and the Central Normal College at Danville, Ohio. While attending the two latter he taught school at intervals, and after leaving school he continued to teach for twelve years in all, in the district schools of Knox county and the Brandon village schools. Being universally recognized as an able, painstaking, up-to-date instructor, his services have been very satisfactory and in great demand and he ranks as second to none of his contemporary teachers in this locality. He has always been a close student and in the school room is both an instructor and entertainer and is popular with both pupils and patrons.

Politically, Mr. Hayes is a Democrat and a man thoroughly informed on public questions. While a resident of Miller township, Knox county, he served as township treasurer for two terms. In 1906 he gave up teaching and on September 12th of that year he entered the office of the county clerk as deputy and in that capacity he made such a favorable impression on the public that in the fall of 1910 he was elected county clerk, both common pleas and circuit, and entered upon his duties August 7, 1911.

Mr. Hayes was married on August 30, 1900, to Hattie E. Squires, daughter of Timothy and Emma (Evans) Squires. Her father is a prominent farmer of Miller township, this county, where he and his wife are highly respected.

No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 555, of Utica, Ohio; Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 170, Knights of Maccabees, and Clinton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is also a member of the Order of Owls, Mt. Vernon Nest. He belongs to the Christian church, while his wife affiliates with the Baptists. The family home is in South Vernon. Mr. Hays is regarded as a progressive, honest, public-spirited citizen and is regarded as one of the best clerks the county has ever had.

CHARLES L. BERMONT.

A man who is eminently deserving of a place in this work is Charles L. Bermont, the present able and popular clerk of the courts of Knox county, partly because he is the representative of an excellent old family, and partly because of his pronounced success in life in the face of obstacles and diffi-

culties that would have made many another man falter in despair; but with rare fortitude and courage he has pressed forward with his face set toward the end of the rainbow, permitting nothing to deflect or thwart him in his course, which has been such as to gain not only material success, but, what is of more importance, the good will and confidence of his fellow men who have been pleased to entrust to his guidance the affairs of important public office, and in every instance he has more than met their fullest expectations.

Mr. Bermont was born December 30, 1877, in Richland county, near Lexington, Ohio, and he is the son of Daniel and Retta (Riley) Bermont, the father a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Delaware county, Ohio. Daniel Bermont devoted his life to farming and in 1890 he moved to Wayne township, Knox county. His death occurred on March 15, 1905; his widow still survives and makes her home in Fredericktown.

The son, Charles L. Bermont, spent his youth on the farm, assisting in the general work and he attended the country district schools, latter graduating from the high school at Fredericktown in 1897. In March of that year he met with a railroad accident at Fredericktown, in which he lost his left arm, but after recovering he completed the high school course and was graduated with his class. He was a good student and prepared himself for teaching, which he followed successfully in the district schools of Knox county for seven years, being regarded as a capable and progressive educator. The accident by which he lost his arm changed his whole course, though it did not daunt him. He had intended devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, being greatly interested in farming and the opportunities it offered.

Mr. Bermont is a Democrat in politics, as was also his father, and he has always taken an active part in public matters. In 1899 he was elected corporation clerk of Fredericktown, and, although that town is a Republican stronghold, he was elected mayor there in 1902, and he enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest mayor in the state up to that time. He served one term and an extension under the law, making three years in all. He did much for the permanent good of that town and won the hearty approval of all, irrespective of party alignment. In the fall of 1905 he was elected clerk of the courts of Knox county and he filled this responsible position so ably that he was re-elected for a second term in the fall of 1908, his term expiring August 7, 1911, serving in that capacity in a manner that elicited the hearty approval of all concerned, being regarded as one of the best clerks the county ever had, being not only a competent, but courteous

and obliging public servant. For a number of years he has been a law student in the office of L. C. Stilwell, ex-prosecuting attorney of Knox county, and it is his intention to be admitted to the bar, whereupon he will enter the active practice in Mt. Vernon. Eminent success no doubt awaits him in this field.

Mr. Bermont was married on October 25, 1905, to Zada M. Studor, daughter of J. B. and Ada (Rinehart) Studor, of Fredericktown, Ohio. Both parents are still living and are highly respected in their neighborhood. One daughter, Sarah, now four years old, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bermont. Religiously, Mr. Bermont belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church. They have a pleasant home at No. 507 North Main street.

Mr. Bermont is a splendid and popular young man, courteous and obliging; being widely and favorably known throughout Knox county, he is held in high esteem.

ALFRED R. McINTIRE.

Rising above the heads of the masses are many men of sterling worth and value, who, by sheer perseverance and pluck, have conquered fortune and by their own unaided efforts have risen from the ranks of the commonplace to positions of eminence in the professional world, and at the same time have commanded the trust and respect of those with whom they have been thrown in contact. Among the earnest men of a past generation in Knox county whose depth of character and strict adherence to principle excited the admiration of their contemporaries was the late Alfred R. McIntire, of Mt. Vernon. He was widely recognized as one of the leading lawyers and public men of this locality and in his death the community suffered a distinct loss.

Mr. McIntire was born in Holmes county, Ohio, on July 14, 1840, the son of John McIntire and wife, who came to Knox county, Ohio, when their son, Alfred R., of this review, was twelve years of age, and here they became well established on a farm and the elder McIntire was prominent in the early affairs of the county, having been justice of the peace for many years. His son, Alfred R., was reared to manhood on the home farm, which he worked during the summer months when he became of proper age. He received a limited schooling in the old-time log cabin school houses in his district, but he was a diligent student and he prepared himself for a teacher,

which profession he followed in different districts of the county for some time. Later he attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and was a student there when the Civil war broke out, and he threw down his text-books and enlisted in defense of the national union as a member of the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and he saw considerable hard service, including the siege of Vicksburg. While his regiment was encamped in the swamps of that vicinity he fell seriously ill and was discharged for physical disability and returned home. After recovering he re-enlisted and again entered the army as first lieutenant of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served until the close of the war, being advanced to the rank of captain for meritorious service and he led his company in a gallant manner, winning the hearty approval of his superior officers. After the war he returned to the Ohio Wesleyan University and finished his course, graduating in 1866. Ex-Senator Foraker was a student at the university at the same time and the two were members of the same college fraternity, the Phi Kappa Psi. After leaving college he was superintendent of the public schools at Fredericktown for two years and at the same time he was reading law, and in the fall of 1869 he took the law examination and was admitted to the bar. He began practice in Mt. Vernon, where he was an honored member of the profession until his death, in September, 1903. He was, for a time, a partner of Hon. Rollin C. Hurd, which partnership continued until the death of Mr. Hurd in 1874. He then became a partner of Desault B. Kirk, which partnership was terminated in 1882, when Mr. Kirk gave up active practice and became associated with the Cooper Foundry and Machine Company. Mr. McIntire then practiced alone until 1901, when his son Rollin R. (mentioned in a separate sketch in this work) became associated with him, under the firm name of McIntire & McIntire. He easily ranked among the leading lawyers of his day and generation in this section of the Buckeye state.

Mr. McIntire was decidedly a man of affairs. He was active in the organization of the original Mt. Vernon Bridge Company and was the first vice-president of the same. He was also greatly interested in the Ohio Archeological Society and gave the work and efforts of the society much time and helpful attention. He was a Republican in politics until the last years of his life. He was active in party and public affairs and was one of the prominent public men of the state. He was a candidate for state senator several times in a strong Democratic district, and was, of course, defeated. In 1898 and 1900 he was the candidate for supreme judge on the Union Reform ticket. He was a man of strong convictions and stead-

fast purpose, honest and popular with the masses. Fraternally, he was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and he was a regular attendant of the Presbyterian church, of which his wife and family were members. He had been reared in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. McIntire was married on October 25, 1869, to Helen Richards, daughter of Daniel and Clarissa Richards, an excellent old pioneer family. She was born in Fredericktown, Ohio, and her death occurred on February 14, 1910, having survived her husband eight years. Two children were born to this union, Rollin R., mentioned above, and Alfred Heber, editor and manager of the *Electric Journal,* of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM A. HOSACK.

The career of William A. Hosack at the Knox county bar has been emphasized by persistent industry, strict attention to business, unswerving integrity, the closest application and study, and a degree of care, prudence and promptitude in the disposition of responsibilities intrusted to him, worthy of imitation. Punctuality he observes as a professional maxim. With him appointments once made become debts. He always aims to do things at the right time; and thus, it is punctuality by which men testify their personal respect for those whom they are called upon to meet in affairs of business.

Mr. Hosack was born April 30, 1874, in Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio, the son of Cyrus and Honor Abiah (Foote) Hosack, both natives of this county, and they spent their entire lives in Fredericktown and vicinity. The father was a prominent physician and was also actively identified with various industries and business enterprises of Fredericktown. He was distinctively a man of affairs and took a conspicuous part in all enterprises and movements that had in view the advancement of the community. He was always regarded as a man of unshrinking integrity, strict honesty, technical in his definitions of morality and unbending in his fidelity to them. His life was a busy and useful one. His death occurred in 1889 and he was preceded to the grave by his wife in 1880. They are buried in the cemetery at Fredericktown.

The son, William A. Hosack, spent his childhood and youth in Fredericktown and he attended the public schools there, and later he studied two years at the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, being a member of the

class of 1897, after which he entered Adelbert College at Cleveland. In May, 1897, he began the study of law in the offices of Col. W. C. Cooper, of Mt. Vernon, and he was admitted to the bar on examination in December, 1900. Early in 1901 he opened an office in the McDermot building, Mt. Vernon, for the practice of his profession and he has been successfully engaged in the same here ever since, enjoying a large and ever growing clientele and figuring very conspicuously in all the local courts. He practices in all the courts of the state and in the United States district courts. He is known to be an industrious, painstaking, studious attorney, ever vigilant of the interests of his clients. He not only has the reputation of doing things, but of doing them well. In June, 1908, he moved his office from the McDermot building to the First National Bank building, where he is now located, having a neat suite of offices, well supplied with up-to-date law books.

Politically, Mr. Hosack is a Republican and he maintains a keen interest in public affairs, being well informed on all issues, and in discussions is well able to defend and maintain his position. He very acceptably filled the office of city clerk during 1900 and 1902.

Mr. Hosack was one of the promoters of the Citizens Building and Loan Association and he has been its secretary since its organization in 1907. It is regarded as one of the solid and successful financial institutions of Mt. Vernon.

On August 21, 1902, Mr. Hosack was united in marriage with N. Lucile Parrott, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Benton Parrott, a highly respected family of Mt. Vernon, and this union has resulted in the birth of three children, Elizabeth, Cyrus and Margerite. The family home, at No. 800 East Gambier street, is a pleasant one, in a delightful suburban section of the city.

JAMES L. LEONARD.

In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their own way to success through unfavorable environment we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which can not only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The gentleman to whom the biographer now calls the reader's attention was not favored by inherited wealth or the assistance of influential friends, but

in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and wise economy, he has attained a comfortable station in life, making his influence felt for good in Knox county, where he has long maintained his home, and because of the honorable career he has known here, and also because he has filled worthily positions of public trust, he is eminently worthy of a place in this book.

James L. Leonard, the present able and popular city solicitor of Mt. Vernon, was born October 29, 1860, in Columbiana county, Ohio, the son of Abner E. and Rebecca (Fitzsimmons) Leonard, both parents natives of Columbiana county, Ohio, later in life moving to Coshocton county, this state, locating near Spring Mountain in 1872 and engaged in farming, which he made his life work. The family moved from there to Holmes county, Ohio, in 1889, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in September, 1905, having been preceded to the grave in January of that year by his wife. They were highly respected people and industrious throughout their lives.

The son, James L. Leonard, was reared on the farm and he assisted with the general work on the home place when a boy and in the winter months he attended the common schools, later attended Northwestern University at Ada, Ohio, where he made a splendid record and from which institution he was graduated in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Before entering the university he had begun teaching, and in order to secure funds to gain a higher education he practiced alternating a year of teaching with one in the university. While teaching in Millersburg he began reading law in the office of Judge Maxwell & Sharp of that city. The year following he entered the law department of the Ohio State University at Columbus, from which he was graduated in June, 1893, and the same year he opened an office at Mt. Vernon and has been here ever since, having enjoyed a large and gradually increasing clientele and taking a high rank among the attorneys of the county, figuring conspicuously in the local courts for eighteen years. He is regarded as an able, careful, conscientious and energetic lawyer who ever has at heart the interests of his clients and who has remarkable success in the trial of cases.

Politically, Mr. Leonard is a Republican and he has ever been loyal to the tenets of his party. He was elected justice of the peace soon after coming to Mt. Vernon and served in this capacity for eleven years in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In the fall of 1910 he was elected city solicitor and is now serving as such. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, in which he stands high.

Mr. Leonard was married on January 27, 1904, to Mrs. Ida Sweet-Gilinore, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a lady of many winning traits. This union has been without issue.

Mr. Leonard is a studious man and is well versed, not only on all matters of the law, but on public, scientific and literary topics, and he is a gentleman of high character and stands well in the community. His pleasant home is at No. 302 South Gay street.

ROLLIN R. McINTIRE.

The well known Mt. Vernon attorney, Rollin R. McIntire, is regarded by all classes as one of Knox county's enterprising, progressive, public-spirited citizens, quick to see, to seize, to act and aid in any project that means prosperity and growth to his locality and cherishing a deep interest in all movements for the general good. Pleasant and impressive in address, he is kind, generous, straightforward, genial and companionable. He has achieved an honorable record in his profession, and, in fact, in all circles, being a worthy son of a worthy sire and esteemed for the many qualities that go to make up the inherent and finer qualities of a refined gentleman.

Mr. McIntire was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on March 1, 1871, and he is the son of Alfred R. and Helen (Richards) McIntire, the former born in Holmes county, this state, and the mother in Knox county. Grandfather John McIntire came to Knox county with his family when the father of the subject was twelve years of age and became one of the influential pioneers here, engaging in farming on an extensive scale. Grandfather McIntire and grandfather Richards were justices of the peace in adjoining townships for several years and both were able dispensers of justice and well known and popular in their townships. A complete sketch of Alfred R. McIntire and wife, parents of the subject, is to be found on another page in this volume.

Rollin R. McIntire was educated in the Mt. Vernon public schools, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. He then attended the Ohio State University at Columbus one year; later entered Oberlin College, where he made a splendid record and from which he was graduated in 1894. Upon leaving college he began traveling for the Mt. Vernon Bridge Company and the Groton Iron Works, continuing successfully with them for about three years. He also went into the works of the Mt. Vernon Bridge Company and was employed as a workman, in order to learn the

business thoroughly. But notwithstanding his excellent start in the business world, he took up the study of law in 1898 with his father and was admitted to the bar in 1901 and he practiced with his father until the latter's death in 1902. He then formed a partnership with D. B. Grubb, which continued until Mr. Grubb moved to Columbus in 1906; since then he has practiced alone. He makes a specialty of abstract work and has done a great deal of abstracting for coal companies in southern Ohio and Kentucky and is widely known as an expert in his line. As an attorney he stands high among his contemporaries at the bar, keeping well advised on all phases of the profession, being accurate, with an analytical mind, well balanced and always actuated with fairness and fidelity to his duty.

Politically, Mr. McIntire is a Republican and he has long been active in public affairs. He has served as a member of the council of Mt. Vernon, also as city solicitor for four years, and in January, 1910, he was elected city clerk, which office he yet holds, giving his usual high grade and commendable service.

Mr. McIntire was married on December 6, 1898, to Laura L. Stone, daughter of Dan C. and Delilah (Martin) Stone, a highly respected family of Mt. Vernon, the father being the local representative of the Standard Oil Company; the mother's death occurred in November, 1903.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntire, both of whom are deceased. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are both popular with the best society of the city and county. Their neatly arranged and tastily kept home is at No. 505 East Vine street.

Personally, Mr. McIntire has ever been popular with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and is regarded as one of the worthy native sons of Knox county.

OLIVER C. HAGAN.

It is the progressive wide-awake men of affairs that makes the real history of a community, and his influence as a potential factor of the body politic is difficult to estimate. The examples such men furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, and there is always a full measure of satisfaction in adverting, even in a casual way, to their achievements in advancing the interest of their fellow men and in giving strength and solidity to the

institutions which make so much for the prosperity of the community. Such a man is the worthy gentleman whose name forms the caption of this biographical review, and as such it is proper that a resume of his eminently commendable career be accorded a place among the representattive citizens of the city and county in which he resides.

Oliver C. Hagan, well known gas and oil man of Mt. Vernon, was born May 17, 1853, in Clarion county, Pennsylvania. He is the son of William and Mary Jane (Rairden) Hagan, the father a farmer and lumber man, who never became a resident of Ohio.

Oliver C. Hagan grew up on the home farm and when old enough assisted with the work there and in the lumber business, attending the district schools in the mean time. When seventeen years of age he became interested in the oil business and first secured employment with operators at Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania. Later he went to northern New York and operated in that locality for some years. In the intervening years up to 1894 he operated in the fields of Pennsylvania, northern New York and West Virginia, gaining a vast amount of information and experience along all the different lines of the business from field man to operator. In 1894 he came into the Ohio field, locating at New Lexington, Perry county, operating in all the counties of that section of the state both as a contractor and oil producer. For about two years he operated independently and met with considerable success. In 1896 he realized the practicability and saw the advisability of co-operation and with this idea he became one of the promoters and organizers of the Ohio Fuel Company as one of the first stockholders and directors of the company. The organization of this company resulted in the consolidation of a number of small companies and individual interests in the southern Ohio oil field, and Mr. Hagan has been actively connected with the management and operation of the company from its organization and has charge of all the drilling department of the company in its Ohio territory. The company organized with a capital stock of seventeen thousand dollars and with one or two producing wells; today it is capitalized at fifteen million dollars, with over six hundred producing wells and supplies most of the principal cities of southern Ohio with fuel gas. Mr. Hagan is also a stockholder in the United Fuel Company, operating in West Virginia with about three hundred producing gas wells and one hundred and fifty producing oil wells. In 1906 Mr. Hagan became a resident of Mt. Vernon and has since resided here, being nearer the center of the company's field of operations. As superintendent and manager of the producing department of the Ohio Fuel Company, Mr. Hagan has drilled over four hundred

wells up to March 1, 1911, since coming to Mt. Vernon and fully seventy-five per cent. of these are producing wells, working sometimes as high as twenty-five different drilling outfits and employing only the best expert operators.

In May, 1896, the Hagan Drilling Company was organized with Mr. Hagan as president and general manager, operating all over southern Ohio for both gas and oil, and, like the other concerns with which he has been connected, has grown rapidly and been very successful under his able management and judicious counsel. Mr. Hagan is a recognized oil and gas expert and has probably done more than any other single individual to develop the Ohio field and he has extensive and valuable holdings. The Ohio Fuel Company has the largest pumping station in the world, located at Homer, just over the Knox county line in Licking county and this has been largely constructed and equipped during Mr. Hagan's management in this field.

Mr. Hagan's entire life since he was seventeen years of age has been wholly given to gas and oil development and production and he has a most accurate knowledge of formations and conditions that are likely to produce oil and gas, which makes him a valuable asset in any field. He is an organizer and promoter by nature, a man of keen discernment, rare business acumen and foresight, being enabled to foresee with remarkable accuracy the future outcome of a present transaction and he ranks with the leading business men of the state.

Politically, Mr. Hagan is a Democrat, but has never been active in party affairs, yet always interested in the welfare of his community and state and has kept well informed on public matters. Fraternally, he is a thirty-second-degree Mason. Personally, he is pleasant, genial, courteous, makes and retains friends without effort, and, being honest and straightforward in his business relations, he has the good will and confidence of all who have come into contact with him.

Mr. Hagan has been twice married, first, on October 12, 1872, at Bolivar, New York, to Catherine Albaugh, daughter of William and Mary Albaugh, which union resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Minnie, who married Robert Dailey, of New Lexington, Ohio; Axie Olwilda married John Minesinger, of Granville, Ohio; Luemma Gertrude married Arthur Denman, of Sedan, Kansas; William H., of Granville, Ohio. The wife and mother passed to her rest on August 12, 1890. Mr. Hagan's second marriage was solemnized on October 12, 1892, to Ocie Oleta Hagerson, daughter of Asa and Elizabeth Hagerson, of Bolivar, New York. This union has been without issue. The family home, a modern, commodious and beautiful dwell-

ing, is located on East Gambier street, Mt. Vernon, in one of the most desirable sections of the city, and here the many warm friends of the family frequently delight to gather, finding an old time hospitality and good cheer ever prevailing.

MORTIMOR E. LYTLE.

The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly, after all; and when one man passes another on the highway of life to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which properly encompass the whole human race. Such thoughts are prompted by a study of the career and characteristics of Mortimor E. Lytle, of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, one of the leading oil and gas experts in the Buckeye state, who has achieved his envied position solely through individual efforts, with many obstacles against him, but he has surmounted them one by one and his efforts have been crowned by success.

Mr. Lytle was born on August 18, 1855, in Venango county, Pennsylvania, the son of William and Sarah (Fleming) Lytle. The father was born November 25, 1814, and died November 12, 1865; the mother's birth occurred on February 14, 1815, and she died March 6, 1898. William Lytle was a carpenter and farmer, a man of sterling character; neither he nor his wife ever lived in Ohio.

Mortimor E. Lytle spent his youth in his native county and attended the district schools. When only nine years of age he began work in the oil fields of his neighborhood and at the age of fifteen he was a competent driller. During his youth and young manhood he spent in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and New York, becoming proficient in all the departments of the work, being a keen observer by nature and having an insatiable desire to master all the ins and outs of this special field of endeavor. About 1881 he became interested in gas development and was active in the gas fields. On account of failing health he went to Kansas in 1897 and worked in the gas fields of that state until April, 1900, when he went to Los Angeles, California, and took charge of a lease for the California Oil Company in that section of the state and materially assisted in its development. After a few months with this company he went to San Francisco and took charge of the drilling for an oil company whose fields were located about fourteen miles north of San Francisco. In February, 1901, he returned east and in

May of that year located at Martinsville, West Virginia, having found the West Virginia field an excellent one. He there assumed charge of a company's business, both in the field and the distribution in cities, operating largely in West Virginia and southeastern Ohio. He remained with this company until the formation of the Ohio Fuel Supply Company, he being one of the promoters and organizers of the company, which was a combination of a number of small companies operating in the same field. From the organization of this company, Mr. Lytle has been a stockholder and director and actively connected with its operations and management, and it is safe to say that its rapid growth and almost phenomenal success has been due in no small measure to his judicious counsel and able management. Upon the organization of the Ohio Fuel Supply Company, Mr. Lytle moved to Mt. Vernon and assumed charge of the oil and gas field development. The company operates from Lorain county in the north to Hocking county in the south and has sunk about six hundred and fifty wells, fully eighty per cent. of which are producing wells. Mr. Lytle has spent his entire life in the gas and oil fields and is a recognized expert in the business. His wide, varied and successful experiences make him familiar with every phase of the business and he is now prominent in the affairs of one of the largest producing companies in the oil and gas districts. A man of splendid business capacity, keen discernment and rare foresight, coupled with fine executive ability, he is a tower of strength in any business concern and his name connected with any enterprise is enough to insure its success.

Politically, Mr. Lytle is a Republican, but has never been active in party matters or a seeker after the honors or emoluments of office, yet he believes it the duty of every man to familiarize himself with public questions that he may be an intelligent voter, and he has ever stood ready to support any movement having as its object the upbuilding of his locality and state. Fraternally, he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, with all the subordinate degrees.

The domestic life of Mr. Lytle began on April 24, 1889, when he was united in marriage with Lillian S. Williams, a lady of many estimable traits, being the daughter of a highly honored New England family, Dwilly and Sarah (Brown) Williams, the father being a direct descendant of Roger Williams and the mother of General Mott, both famous colonial characters. Mrs. Lytle is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lytle three children have been born: Frederick, whose birth occurred on February 20, 1890, was graduated from the Tennessee Military Academy with the class of 1910 and is now a student of

the Ohio State University at Columbus, preparatory to a course in law; Lillian died in infancy; Gertrude May, born January 5, 1896, is a student in the Mt. Vernon high school. Mr. Lytle and family are members of the Presbyterian church. Their modern, attractive and commodious home is at No. 501 North Main street.

Mr. Lytle is a man of strong personality, genial, sociable, straightforward and honorable in all the relations of life, and a fine type of the successful, virile, sterling, self-made American.

SILAS PARR.

One of the influential and popular citizens of Mt. Vernon is Silas Parr, to whose career the reader's attention is now directed, who is ranked among the county's substantial business men. A man of upright character and excellent endowments, he has been a valued factor in local affairs and has ever commanded unequivocal confidence and esteem, being loyal to the upbuilding of this community and deeply interested in the progress of his adopted country and ever vigilant in his efforts to further the interests of this city along material, moral and civic lines. He has succeeded through his own efforts, having started out in life with but little assistance and he is eminently deserving of the rewards that have crowned his efforts.

Mr. Parr was born in Devonshire, England, September 1, 1848. He is the son of John and Susan (Ware) Parr, both natives of England, where they grew up and were married. The father was a shoemaker by trade and he and his wife remained in their native land until their deaths.

Silas Parr remained under his parental roof-tree until he was eighteen years of age, when he emigrated to America on the steamer "City of Dublin," being three weeks on the voyage, meeting the famous steamer, "Great Eastern," on her return trip after laying the first Atlantic cable. Mr. Parr landed at Castle Garden, New York, but he remained there only a few hours, starting almost immediately on the journey to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, this being on election day, October 9, 1866. General Morgan and Columbus Delano were candidates for Congress, and Mr. Parr obtained his first glimpse of American politics. He started in life here with three dollars capital. He spent one dollar of this for four stamps with which to send letters home and fifty cents for a bed. Before coming to America he had been employed as page in a wealthy family and had attended school only a short time. There were

no free schools in England at that time and his parents were very poor, and from the time he was thirteen years old he had to earn his own living. He could find no employment in Mt. Vernon, so he went to Centerburg, Knox county, and worked as an apprentice on a shoemaker's bench for his board and room during the following winter. In the spring he returned to Mt. Vernon and for six weeks he looked for employment before he found anything to do. He had no money, but a kindly disposed woman took him in and provided him with lodging and board until he could find work. He finally found a place with the Cooper foundry as a riveter's helper at nine dollars per week. But the work was too hard for him to endure and after nine weeks here he gave up the job and began the shoemaker's trade with Thomas Trick, who is still living and working on the bench at the advanced age of eighty-six years. The subject remained with Mr. Trick for four years, when he engaged as a shoemaker with Christ Weaver, who died in 1911, being ninety-two years old. Mr. Parr remained with this gentleman for three years, making boots exclusively, then he purchased a shop of his own in what is now known as the Jones block on West High street. Mr. Parr operated this shop for six years and had business enough to keep three men employed beside himself, making boots and shoes. His next venture in a business way was to open a retail store at No. 110 South Main street, in partnership with Theodore Seymore, under the firm name of Parr & Seymore, which partnership continued about two years. Mr. Parr then located at No. 4 South Main street, buying an entire new stock and without a partner. After spending about two years in this location, he moved across the street on June 1, 1892, to No. 3 South Main street, where he has been located ever since, having built up a large and ever increasing business, always carrying a large, up-to-date and carefully selected stock of goods. In addition to his shoe business, he has been interested in the gas and oil development of Knox county and his investments in this line have been very remunerative, though the shoe business has claimed his exclusive attention. In point of years in business he is the oldest shoe merchant in Mt. Vernon and he is well known throughout the county.

Politically, Mr. Parr has always voted the Republican ticket, since he became of mature age, and while he has never been an office seeker he has always been interested in public matters. He is a member of the Knox county blind commission, and he has been active in all temperance movements since he was a boy, and has taken a very active part in the crusade against the saloons in Knox county.

Mr. Parr has been twice married, first on April 29, 1873, to Elizabeth

Fisher, daughter of George and Emily Fisher, of Mt. Vernon. Her father was a farmer and his death occurred in 1895. His widow survives at the advanced age of ninety-two years. To Mr. Parr and his first wife two daughters were born, Edith, deceased, and Winifred, who married Charles E. Ayers, city editor of the *Republican News*, of Mt. Vernon; they have two children, a daughter and a son. Mr. Parr's first wife passed to her rest on July 15, 1883, and on December 1, 1886, he was married to Harriet Armstrong, daughter of Albert and Margaret (Shoup) Armstrong, of Mt. Vernon, to which city they came from Richland county. Mr. Armstrong died many years ago, and his widow passed away on September 8, 1905.

Mr. Parr has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for many years, also the encampment. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a trustee for twenty years and he is now one of the stewards of the church. He has been a teacher in the Sunday school ever since he came to Mt. Vernon. For some time during his early career here he taught a class of colored men on Sunday afternoons. He taught many of the older members of the class to read. Mr. Parr holds membership with the Mt. Vernon Merchants Association and has served on important committees of the same. He also belongs to the State Retail Shoe Men's Association and is a member of the committee on insurance for the purpose of formulating a plan of co-operative insurance. He is active in the deliberations of this organization. He was a member of the Mt. Vernon Civic League and one of its very active workers. Although English born, he quickly became Americanized, both in citizenship and sentiment. He visited his native country and the home of his youth in 1906, but returned to this country better satisfied with it than ever before, although having greatly enjoyed his stay in his native land. The family home is at No. 404 North Gay street. Mr. Parr has always stood high in the estimation of the people of Knox county and he numbers his friends by the score here.

JOHN MILTON WILSON.

One of the honored native sons of Knox county is John Milton Wilson, of Wayne township, where he carries on all departments of agriculture on his excellent farm with that discretion and energy which are sure to result in a large measure of success. While laboring for his own well-being he

has ever had the interests of his county at heart, lending such assistance as becomes a good citizen in promulgating the civic, industrial and moral tone of the county. His career has been one of hard work and integrity, consequently he is deserving of the respect in which he is held by everyone.

Mr. Wilson was born on December 1, 1865, on a farm near where he now resides, five miles southwest of Fredericktown. He is the son of William and Sarah Ann (Hayes) Wilson, both natives of Wayne county, Ohio, and there they grew up, were educated and married, after which they moved to Michigan, where they remained about five years, when they moved to Wayne township, Knox county, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The death of the father occurred on January 3, 1898, and his widow died a year later and both are buried in the cemetery at Fredericktown. The father was a large land owner and extensive farmer and he raised great numbers of live stock which he prepared for the markets, especially sheep. Politically, he was a Republican, but was never an office seeker. He was a busy man of affairs and was influential in his community.

Seven sons and six daughters constituted the large family of William Wilson and wife, and they are all still living except the oldest daughter, Elizabeth J., who became the wife of Alex White; Anna M. married Lewis McCurdy, of Bloomfield; Joseph R. lives in Fredericktown; Wesley Hayes, of Wayne township; William E. lives in Sparta; John Milton, of this sketch; Emma Alice, wife of William Brown, of Centerburg; Oliver D., of Centerburg; Richard B., of Wayne township; Clara M. married Samuel Myers, of Barberton, Ohio; Bertha married Clint Braydon, of Akron, Ohio; Hattie married Ray Carnes, of Newark.

John M. Wilson was reared on the home farm and there helped with the general work when a boy, attending the district schools in the winter time, in fact, he remained at home until his marriage, on June 3, 1899, to Maud Lyon, daughter of Stephen B. and Mary (Gloyd) Lyon, of Morrow county, Ohio. To this union one son has been born, Harold Newton.

Since his marriage the subject has lived on the farm five miles southwest of Fredericktown, which place consists of two hundred acres of fine land, well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, and in connection with general farming he has for eighteen years been a breeder of thoroughbred Delaine sheep, raising the best for breeding purposes. He has achieved a wide reputation as a result of his fine stock, having from time to time sent his sheep all over the country, and, owing to the superior quality of his animals, they find a very ready sale, and many of them are exported to foreign countries. He took second prize among sixteen exhibitors of Delaine

sheep at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904—in fact, he won second prize in all exhibits. His flocks will average three hundred from which to draw his sales to breeders.

Mr. Wilson is a member and one of the directors of the Delaine-Merino Record Association, a national organization of breeders, and he has always taken an active interest in its deliberations. He has exhibited at the Ohio state fair every year for twenty-five years, and in former years he has been an exhibitor at various state fairs, and has always been a prize winner from his first exhibits. He is universally regarded as one of the foremost breeders of his breeds in this section of the state. In addition to his large sheep business, he farms on an extensive scale and in a scientific manner and he is regarded as one of the most desirable farmers in Knox county. The picturesque family home stands on an elevation, commanding a fine view of Mile Run valley.

Politically, Mr. Wilson is a Republican and he is always interested in public matters, but he is not an office seeker. He is now one of the members of the Wayne township board of education. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to Wayne Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He stands high in the various circles of the county and is a man whom everybody likes and respects, for his integrity, industry and obliging nature.

GEORGE L. MARPLE.

Examples that impress force of character on all who study them are worthy of record. By a few general observations may be conveyed an idea of the high standing of George L. Marple, of Fredericktown, Knox county, as a journalist and citizen. Nature seems to have endowed him with an unusual fidelity of expression and his wonderfully facile pen has interested thousands of readers. He has been content to spend his life in his native locality whose interests he has ever had at heart and sought to promulgate whenever opportunity afforded, and his career has been such as to win the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Marple was born on July 17, 1861, in Fredericktown, Ohio, and he is the son of Ananias C. and Mary E. (Edwards) Marple, the father a native of Pike township, this county. The Edwards family originally came from Frederick county, Maryland, they and the Marples both being pioneers

of this section of the Buckeye state and they have been more or less prominent in the affairs of Knox and adjacent counties for several generations. They crossed the Alleghanies from the east in old-fashioned covered wagons in true first settler style, the region lying west of the mountains at that time being largely a wilderness. Ananias C. Marple was a cooper by trade, also a brick maker and he made the brick for the Methodist Episcopal church in Fredericktown and here he spent most of his life. He was a Republican in politics and was active in public matters. He took an especial interest in school work and served on the local board of education for a period of fifteen years, and he was marshal of the town for several years. He was always an active member of the Methodist church, as was also his wife. They are both still living in Fredericktown, being now advanced in age, but hale and hearty. They are highly respected by a wide circle of friends and are truly a fine old pioneer couple, honest, industrious and hospitable.

The son, George L., of this review, grew up in Fredericktown and attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school here in 1880. When he had finished school he turned his attention to the newspaper field and began work in the office of the *Free Press*, learning the printer's trade, which he mastered in due course of time. He then worked in the office of the *Semi-Weekly Tribune* in Mt. Vernon for a year and a half. Returning to Fredericktown, he learned the painter's and paper-hanger's trades, which he has since followed, with much success, but he has kept in touch with the newspaper world, and for the past twenty years has been the Fredericktown correspondent of the *Mt. Vernon Republican-News*, daily and semi-weekly, also the *Cleveland Leader*. He has a keen news instinct and never lets the grass grow under his feet.

Mr. Marple was married in September, 1892, to Alice Elben, daughter of Mrs. Mary (Deal) Elben, of Utica, Licking county, Ohio. To this union three children have been born, namely: Marguerite, now seventeen years old; Donald is fifteen years old, and Anna is now seven years of age.

Politically, Mr. Marple is a Republican and he has long been active in public matters. He has served as a member of the county election board. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a member of the official board. He is president of the Brotherhood, also president of the Beers Bible class, of the Methodist church, of which there are now ninety members, this being one of the celebrated Bible classes of the state. Mr. Marple is a man of exemplary character and of progressive ideas and he fills a useful niche in the structure of local affairs, religious, educational, civic and material.

CHARLES M. HILDRETH.

The gentleman of whom the biographer writes in the following paragraphs is widely known as one of the honored citizens of Knox county, Ohio, and for many years has been actively identified with the varied interests of his community. His well directed efforts in the practical affairs of life, his capable management of his own business interests and his sound judgment have brought to him prosperity, and his life demonstrates what may be accomplished by the man of energy and ambition, who is not afraid to work and has the perseverance to continue his labors, even in the face of seemingly discouraging circumstances.

Charles M. Hildreth, of Fredericktown, was born October 15, 1847, in Mt. Vernon, this county, and he is the son of John and Caroline (Eddy) Hildreth, the father born in Knox county, Ohio, and the mother in Erie county, Ohio. The father, long a prominent contractor and carpenter, was an important factor in the building of Mt. Vernon. He was a man of high standing and clean character. Politically, he was a Republican and was always active and interested in whatever was for the betterment of local conditions. He was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he rendered very efficient service for the Union. He was a member of the Baptist church. His death occurred in August, 1872, his widow surviving many years, having died in July, 1898. They are both buried in the cemetery at Mt. Vernon.

The son, Charles M., spent his childhood and youth in Mt. Vernon and attended the public schools here. When fourteen years of age he began clerking in the store of John Eichelberger, with whom he remained about three years. During the four years following he clerked for W. C. Sapp, then was in the employ of J. E. Woodbridge as clerk for a period of thirteen years, or until Mr. Woodbridge's death, giving each of these gentlemen high grade and eminently satisfactory service and in the meantime mastering every phase of the mercantile business.

On October 31, 1877, Mr. Hildreth was united in marriage with Marian E. Tuttle, daughter of Samuel E. and Mary (Beach) Tuttle, of Fredericktown, a highly honored family of this vicinity. Mr. Tuttle came from Connecticut in 1842, and a few years later married Mary Beach. He was a man of great activity and for years was engaged in the mercantile business, also the grain, wool and produce business; later in life he conducted a private bank in Fredericktown. He met with a large measure of success in whatever he

turned his attention to. A man active in business and public affairs and highly regarded in the community, he is deserving of a permanent place in his county's history. His death occurred in August, 1907, his wife having preceded him to the grave in September, 1899; they are both buried in the cemetery at Fredericktown.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth have no family. After their marriage they took up their residence in Fredericktown and Mr. Hildreth began conducting a grain, wool and seed business, in which he has since continued, his trade ever increasing, and he is now one of the largest dealers in this line in this section of the state. His wool purchases have run from one hundred and eighty thousand to three hundred thousand pounds annually and his grain business has also been very extensive. For some time he owned and successfully operated the Fredericktown Roller Process Flour Mill, having recently leased the mill to other parties.

Mr. Hildreth has for many years been an active and important factor in the business affairs of Knox county. He has also been active and influential in public affairs, being a loyal supporter of the Republican party. While a resident of Mt. Vernon he was a member of the city council, at one time being president of the same. For a period of fourteen years he served as councilman in Fredericktown, and for four years he was postmaster here under President Harrison. In 1910 he was real estate appraiser for Fredericktown and he raised the valuation from one hundred thirty-four thousand and four hundred dollars to six hundred and forty-four thousand dollars. His valuations were so equitable that there was scarcely a protest from property owners because of advanced valuations. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. They are both favorities in the best social circles of the county.

LOUIS B. ACKERMAN.

The gentleman to a review of whose life and characteristics the reader's attention is herewith directed is among the favorably known and representative citizens of Knox county. He has by his indomitable enterprise and progressive methods contributed in a material way to the advancement of his locality during the course of a long and honorable career and has been fairly successful in his business enterprises, having been a man of energy, sound judgment and honesty of purpose, and is thus well deserving of mention in this volume.

Louis B. Ackerman, well known business man of Fredericktown and a worthy representative of one of our sterling pioneer families, was born on August 17, 1839, in Middlebury township, this county. He is the son of John and Ida (Cook) Ackerman, the father born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, from which he came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1811, with his parents, John and Amy (Barton) Ackerman, the father having come with his relatives to this county, first in 1810, looked over the country and returned to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, then came back to Knox county with his family in 1811, making the overland trip in wagons. They settled in the dense woods and there erected a cabin and began clearing the ground. This country was then the abiding place of Indians and numerous species of wild game. The elder Ackerman entered one hundred and sixty acres from the government, later acquiring more land, all of which he improved and became one of the well-to-do pioneers and was prominent in the affairs of the community, and here the grandfather, John Ackerman, spent the remainder of his life. His son, John, father of the subject, spent his entire life on the same farm. He is remembered as a hard-working, honest, retiring man, who was satisfied with home life. He was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church. He lived an upright life and was highly regarded. He was born on November 15, 1805, and his death occurred on September 3, 1873. His wife, Ida Cook, was born on March 8, 1807, and died December 23, 1862, and they are both buried in the Baptist cemetery, near Waterford, Knox county.

The son, Louis B. Ackerman, of this review, spent his childhood and youth on the farm and attended the district schools. When fifteen years old he went to Chesterville Academy in Morrow county, Ohio, for two years. Later he attended the high school at Fredericktown for two years. After this he taught in the district and village schools of Knox county for twenty years, with intervals between, in which he worked on the home farm. He was very successful in his school work and became one of the most popular educators of this section of the country. In 1878 he located in Fredericktown with the intention of making it his permanent home and here engaged in the general insurance business. He became a notary public and met with much success in his new field from the first. This was the first general insurance office established in Fredericktown. Mr. Ackerman has occupied his present office in the Struble block for the past twenty-seven years, during which time he has built up a large and ever-growing business, also in real estate, deeds and mortgages. He has also drawn wills and settled estates. His two sons, William A., now cashier of the New Knox National Bank at Mt. Vernon,

and Charles E., cashier of the bank of Daniel Struble & Son at Fredericktown, were for years and are yet associated with their father in this business.

Mr. Ackerman was married on September 20, 1871, to Sarah E. Cook, daughter of Asa C. and Margaret (Forsythe) Cook, of Wayne county, Ohio, and to this union six children were born, those besides the two sons mentioned above being: Ida C., who married John W. McKinney, a farmer of Middlebury township; Ernest V. is a practicing physician of Fredericktown; Edith E. married Ralph Heskett, a farmer of Morrow county, Ohio; Louis H. is teller in the New Knox National Bank of Mt. Vernon.

Politically, Mr. Ackerman is a Democrat and has long been more or less active in public matters. In earlier life he was a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He has served as mayor of Fredericktown and on the local board of education, being clerk of the same for many years. He has always been actively interested in educational matters. He is a member of Thrall Lodge No. 170, Free and Accepted Masons, at Fredericktown, and the chapter and the commandery at Mt. Vernon. He has served in all the chairs of these orders. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all the chairs in these also. He has always been active and prominent in fraternal circles. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Ackerman being an elder in the same, occupying this position for many years and he has long been active in church and Sunday school work. He has been superintendent and a teacher for many years in the Sunday school.

The family home is on West Sandusky street, believed by many to be the most desirable residence district of the city. Mr. Ackerman finds recreation in his garden, among his chickens, cows and horse. He is an honorable, neighborly and pleasant gentleman whose friends are limited only by the bounds of his acquaintance.

WILLIAM T. LEATHERMAN.

Fealty to facts in the analyzation of the character of a citizen of the type of William T. Leatherman, well known business man of Centerburg, Hilliar township, Knox county, is all that is required to make a biographical sketch interesting to those who have at heart the good name of the community, because it is the honorable reputation of the man of standing and affairs, more than any other consideration that gives character and stability

to the body politic and makes the true glory of a city or state revered at home and respected abroad. In the broad light in which things of good report ever invite, the name and character of Mr. Leatherman stand revealed and secure, and though of modest demeanor, with no ambition to distinguish himself in public position or as a leader of men, his career has been signally honorable and it may be studied with profit by the youth entering upon his life work.

Mr. Leatherman was born on June 26, 1858, on a farm in Allen county, Ohio. He is the son of J. L. B. and Adelia (Weatheral) Leatherman, the father a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Richland county, Ohio, her birth having occurred on November 8, 1837, and her death on December 20, 1910. The father is still living and is active in the affairs of life, making his home at Herod, Ohio, a town which he had the honor of founding. He has long been actively engaged in various branches of business and he has been very successful as a business man. He has also farmed a great deal, and he has been active in public affairs. He is a large land owner in Allen county, and for many years he has been a large wool and stock buyer and also engaged in mercantile pursuits. Politically, he is a Republican and is prominent in the affairs and councils of his party. He has served as justice of the peace for thirty years and is still in office. He is also mayor of Herod.

William T. Leatherman, of this sketch, spent his youth on the farm and attended the country district schools. At a very early age he began buying wool and stock with his father, soon becoming an expert in both lines of trade, remaining actively engaged in both in his native county until 1899, when he moved to Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio, and engaged in the hoop manufacturing business, and there he remained until 1901, when he moved his factory to Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, which he operated until 1903, in which year he came to Centerburg, Knox county, and established a factory for the manufacture of both hoops and staves on a large scale. When in full operation he employs about forty men and his products go into almost every state in the Union, with also a heavy export trade to England, France, Germany and Italy. His plant is thoroughly equipped with every device of modern pattern to facilitate his work and only skilled artisans are employed. He also continues to deal some in wool and live stock, and he has a fine farm of two hundred and eighty-three acres five miles north of Centerburg, just over the Morrow county line, which he supervises, carrying on general farming and stock raising, mostly horses and sheep. He keeps his place under a high state of improvement and cultivation and it ranks well with the leading farmsteads of the county in every respect. He has erected in Centerburg, at

large cost, one of the finest barns, with offices and teamster's quarters, in central Ohio. He also has interest in similar hoop and stove factories in Sandusky, Ohio. He is a stockholder in the Centerburg Savings Bank and other corporations and he is and has been a very busy man of affairs, possessing keen discernment and wise foresight which enables him to conduct large affairs and foresee with remarkable accuracy the future outcome of a present transaction. He has a modern and beautiful home.

Mr. Leatherman was married first on December 21, 1871, to Alice May Thompson, daughter of Henry and Catherine (McGinnis) Thompson, of Ada, Ohio, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Bert E. is married and is a practicing physician in Toledo, Ohio; Mertie Blanche married William Kentz, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Jesse B. is married and is living in Granville, Ohio; Grace T. married David Perry, of Croton, Ohio; Adelia M. married Joseph Robb, of London, Ohio. The wife and mother passed to her rest on August 2, 1894, and on January 15, 1896, Mr. Leatherman was united in marriage with Isabelle Turner, daughter of John and Harriet (Brown) Turner, of Auglaize county, Ohio. This union has been without issue.

Politically, Mr. Leatherman is a Republican and while a resident of Allen county he was active in party affairs, but has never been an office seeker. He served as a member of the Republican county central and executive committees and was a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. His wife is a Baptist, but Mr. Leatherman belongs to no man-made creed or society, being an independent thinker, but broad-minded, liberal and progressive in all that the terms imply and always interested in the development of his town and county. He is a pleasant gentleman to know, unassuming, genial, obliging and of the highest integrity.

DILLMAN C. OBERHOLTZER.

The biographies of the representative men of a county bring to light many hidden treasures of mind, character and courage, well calculated to arouse the pride of their family and of the community and it is a source of regret that the people are not more familiar with the personal history of such men, in the ranks of whom may be found tillers of the soil, mechanics, teachers, as well as lawyers, physicians, bankers and members of other vocations and professions. Dillman C. Oberholtzer, well known jeweler and opti-

cian of Centerburg, Knox county, is distinctively one of the leading citizens of Hilliar township, and as such has made his influence felt among his fellow men and earned a name for enterprise, integrity and honor that entitles him to worthy notice in a work of the nature of this volume.

Mr. Oberholtzer was born May 23, 1860, in Holmes county, Ohio, on a farm near Nashville. He is the son of Abram O. and Rebecca (Tidball) Oberholtzer, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio. The father spent his early life engaged in agricultural pursuits, later in the hardware business in Centerburg, continuing the latter for a period of twenty-six years, during which time he enjoyed a large trade with the surrounding country and became one of the substantial and influential men of the country. In 1907 he retired from business and is now enjoying the fruits of his long years of endeavor; his wife passed away on May 14, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram O. Oberholtzer became the parents of five children, two of whom are living, Dillman C., of this sketch, and David A., of Loraine, Ohio.

Dillman C. Oberholtzer spent his early boyhood on the farm, remaining there until he was nine years old. While the family was living at Waterford, Knox county, he attended public schools there, then entered Westminster Academy at that place. The family came to Centerburg in 1879 and here he has since resided. Soon after locating here he took up the jewelry business and this he has continued to the present time, his being still the only store of this kind in Centerburg. He carries a large, up-to-date and carefully selected stock and his customers come from remote parts of this vicinity, many of them having patronized him since he first established himself here, which is a criterion of his honesty and fairness to his patrons. He does all kinds of repair work in a skillful manner and this has been one of the largest departments of his business. He also maintains a finely equipped optical department, with all modern appliances and he has won a wide reputation as a successful optician, having for years made a careful study of this science and obtained a degree of optometry.

Mr. Oberholtzer was married on May 21, 1885, to Alice Smith, daughter of William and Esther A. (Hopkins) Smith, a highly respected family. To this union two children were born, a son and a daughter, Grace and Charles O., the latter being married and is associated with his father in business.

Politically, Mr. Oberholtzer is a Democrat and he has been active in party affairs. He has served Centerburg as mayor and has been a member of the town council, and for the past six years he has been township treasurer.

For a number of years he served as township clerk. He has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. As a public servant he has given the utmost satisfaction, being faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his every duty, reflecting much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Fraternally, Mr. Oberholtzer is a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 422, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master; he also belongs to Clinton Chapter No. 26, of Mt. Vernon, and Kinsman Council No. 72, of Mt. Vernon. He also belongs to Hawthorne Lodge No. 228, Knights of Pythias, being a charter member of the same, and has filled all the chairs of this lodge. He affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member. He is widely and favorably known to all classes and is a genial, obliging gentleman.

LLOYD M. BELL.

In Lloyd M. Bell, well known and capable editor and publisher of the *Centerburg Gazette*, we have a public-spirited, progressive citizen, belonging to the somewhat rare class that direct and control public sentiment without pushing self forward and without incurring the ill will of those with whom they come into contact, and leave the impress of their strong personality indelibly stamped upon the community, winning the good will of all classes.

Mr. Bell was born on March 8, 1871, near West Carlisle, Coshocton county, Ohio. He is the son of Stephen and Julia (McKee) Bell, the father a native of Knox county and the mother of Coshocton county, Ohio, she being the daughter of George McKee, a member of the Ohio Legislature at one time and also a soldier in the Mexican war. The father was a farmer and was long a resident of Coshocton county. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Disciples church. His death occurred in January, 1902. The mother is still living, making her home with the son, Lloyd M., of this sketch. These parents were representatives of sterling pioneer families who assisted in the early development of this locality.

Lloyd M. Bell spent his youth on the farm and he attended the country schools. When he was twelve years old the family moved to Croton, Licking county, and there he remained for thirteen years and completed his public school education, later attending the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he prepared himself for teaching, which profession he followed with much success for a period of five years in the rural schools of Licking county. In

April, 1896, he came to Centerburg, Knox county, and purchased the *Centerburg Gazette,* an independent newspaper which, under his able management, wields a potent influence in this locality. He has greatly increased its circulation, improved its mechanical appearance and rendered it much more valuable as an advertising medium, keeping its columns filled with crisp, important news of the day and its editorial page is ably and convincingly set forth.

Politically, Mr. Bell is a Democrat and he has been active in public and party affairs. He has been a member of the Democratic county executive committee, and a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He is a member of the county board of elections and in 1910 he was candidate for county treasurer of Knox county. Something of his high standing in his own township will be seen from the fact that he received there a majority of two hundred and seventy-six votes, in a Republican township, a record unprecedented in the political history of the county.

Mr. Bell was married on October 20, 1898, to Gertrude Hasson, daughter of Marvin F. and Hattie (Rinehart) Hasson, an influential Centerburg family. To this union two children have been born, Rusler H. and Hattie Louise.

Fraternally, Mr. Bell is a member of the Masonic order and the Clinton Chapter and Kinsman Council of Mt. Vernon. Also a member of Hawthorne Lodge No. 228, Knights of Pythias. He and his wife belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a member of the Disciples church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal chruch.

Mr. Bell uses his paper for the encouragement of all measures looking to the general good of Centerburg and adjacent community and he wields a wide influence in this respect.

CLARK SCHOOLER.

One noticeable fact in writing the history of Knox county is that so many of her citizens have been born and reared here. These people have been content to stay at home, to follow, for the most part, the vocations of their ancestors. It is a very common thing to find farms in the various townships composing the county of Knox upon which the same families have resided for several generations, some of them having been settled by the grandfathers a century ago when the country was a wilderness. This is an indication of at least two things—that this is a very favored farming locality, one

in which the tiller of the soil is suitably rewarded for his pains, and also that the people are contented with their lot, are not unsettled, dissatisfied, and therefore they can accomplish more and make better citizens. One is indeed fortunate who can remain "under the roof that heard his earliest cry," as wrote the poet Tennyson, but for some reason or other very few of us are so fortunate. So Clark Schooler, farmer and stock raiser of Jackson township, this county, is to be envied, for he has spent his life on the same farm, having been born on the place he now owns here on October 7, 1866. He is the son of William Allen Schooler and Elizabeth J. (Blunt) Schooler. His paternal grandparents, Joseph and Marion (Clark) Schooler, who were of a large family, were early settlers in Knox county. He became a large land owner and influential citizen, being the wealthiest man in Jackson township at the time of his death. He was twice married, and had two sons by his first wife and about seven or eight children by his second marriage. Both these grandparents died here. The maternal grandparents, James and Mary (Ross) Blunt, were also early settlers here. William Blunt, the great-grandfather, entered the land on which the subject now lives, being a pioneer, having come here from Dresden, Ohio. James Blunt was born here, and was reared and married and reared his family here, devoting his life to farming.

The father, William A. Schooler, was born in Knox county in 1843 or 1844, his wife, Elizabeth J. Blunt, having been born here about the same time. Here they grew to maturity, received such education as the common schools of their day afforded and here were married and spent their lives on a farm, the father dying somewhat suddenly of heart trouble when the subject was sixteen months old; the mother subsequently married Harvey Burch, and they are both still living. One son was born on July 18th, after the death of William A. Schooler. The mother is a member of the Disciples church.

Clark Schooler was reared on the home farm, where he began working very early and he received his education in the public schools of Jackson township. He lived on the home farm until 1881, when he moved to his stepfather's farm and was reared there, and early in life he took up farming as a vocation and lived with his stepfather until he was twenty-one years old, when he hired out and remained with the same man two years, then the mother gave the subject and his brother the privilege of dividing the home farm to suit themselves, and the subject soon added sixty acres to his original sixty, being now the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of well improved and well cultivated land, the equal of any in Jackson township, and here he carries on general farming and stock raising. He has a pleasant home and has been very successful.

Politically, Mr. Schooler is a Democrat, but has never been especially active in public affairs. Years ago he joined the Disciples church.

On May 29, 1890, Mr. Schooler was united in marriage with Addie Wolfe, daughter of John and wife, old settlers here, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

To the subject and wife three children have been born, namely: Edith, who married Percy Donohue, lives near Galena, Delaware county, Ohio; Evelyn and Wave.

CHARLES M. GRUBB.

That the plenitude of satiety is seldom obtained in the affairs of life is to be considered a most beneficial deprivation, for when ambition is satisfied and every ultimate aim realized, if such be possible, individual apathy must follow. Effort would cease, accomplishment be prostrate, and creative talent waste its energies in inactivity. The men who have pushed forward the wheels of progress have been those to whom satisfaction lies ever in the future, who have labored continuously, always finding in each transition stage an incentive to further effort. Charles M. Grubb, long one of the ablest and most popular educators of this locality, now numbered among the progressive business men of Centerburg, is one whose well directed efforts have gained for him a position of prominence in the various circles in which he has been pleased to move, and it is with a feeling of satisfaction that the writer essays the task of touching briefly upon the salient points in his career.

Mr. Grubb was born on September 29, 1867, on a farm in Morris township, Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of Henry and Mary Ann (Jeffries) Grubb, both parents born in this county, each representing prominent pioneer families. Here these parents grew to maturity, received their educations in the old-time schools and were married; the father has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and he and his wife are now living in Monroe township. Politically, he is a Democrat and has always been active in the affairs of his community, and is known as a man of upright character.

Charles M. Grubb spent his childhood and youth on the home farm and assisted with the general work there when he became of proper age. He received his education in the county schools, later entering the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. Prior to entering this institution he taught several years. After spending two years in the university, he continued teaching in the country district schools. In 1899 he became connected with the public

schools at Howard, this county, and during his ten years' service there he established a graded school system, also a high school, and his work there stands as a monument to his progressive and thorough methods and stamps him as a leader in educational work. For a period of seven years prior to taking up his work at Howard he taught in the Berry district in the same township. In September, 1904, he was appointed one of the board of school examiners of Knox county, and he served two terms or six years. He not only did his work conscientiously and according to the best modern methods, but he was always trying to raise the standard of the public schools, and he has done as much as any one for the cause of education in Knox county and for the same he has the esteem of all classes. During 1908 and 1909 he was president of the Knox County Teachers' Association, and during all the years of his teaching he was an active member of the same, also a member of the Ohio State Teachers' Association.

Resigning as superintendent of the schools of Howard in 1909, Mr. Grubb moved to Centerburg and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, under the firm name of Purdy, Kasson & Grubb, being associated with Denman H. Purdy and Willie M. Kasson. The firm also has a monument department and they carry on an extensive business in all lines, handling the best of materials and goods, carrying a complete and carefully selected stock of furniture, prompt service and efficiency being their watchword. The store contains a stock that would do credit to a city much larger than Centerburg, and their many customers come from all over a wide radius of territory. On September 1, 1911, the above firm dissolved partnership, Kasson & Grubb retaining the furniture and monument business and Mr. Purdy the undertaking business.

Mr. Grubb was married on November 5, 1890, to Jennie Loney, daughter of William and Mary (McClurg) Loney, an excellent family of Brown township, where Mr. Loney had a good farm, and where the mother is still living, he being deceased. Mrs. Grubb passed to her rest on July 1, 1903, dying without issue. On July 22, 1905, Mr. Grubb was united in marriage with LaVilla Critchfield, daughter of Rolland and Margaret (McElroy) Critchfield, a prominent Howard township family, the Critchfields being among the early pioneers here and have been influential in local affairs for several generations. The parents of Mrs. Grubb are both still living. This second union has also been without issue.

Politically, Mr. Grubb is a Democrat and he has always been an active participant in public matters, a close student on current affairs and conditions of the masses, and every movement having as its object the betterment of

his locality has received his hearty support, but he is not an office seeker. Fraternally, he is a Mason, a member of the chapter and commandery at Mt. Vernon, and the Danville lodge has bestowed upon him the master's degree; his membership is now with the Bloomfield Lodge No. 422 at Centerburg. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ, he being an elder in the same, having held this office for a number of years; he is also an active Sunday school worker and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday school at Howard, also teacher of a Bible class. While not a teacher, he still continues his interest in educational matters and has been largely instrumental in securing for Centerburg an excellent lecture course. He and his wife are prominent in the social life of the county, and few men are more widely or more favorably known in this locality than he.

EMANUEL RINE.

One of the young farmers of Knox county who has succeeded in life because he early learned to depend upon himself and to have system about his work and at the same time dealing honestly with his fellow men is Emanuel Rine, of Butler township. He is a man who believes in progress, in adapting himself to new and changing conditions, in following twentieth-century methods of farming and therefore his place presents a pleasing appearance and shows at a glance that a gentleman of good taste and correct ideas has its management in hand. He comes down from a sterling old Buckeye ancestry, many of whose commendable qualities he seems to have inherited, being the son of Henry and Sarah Ellen (Jones) Rine, a complete sketch of whom is to be found on another page of this work, and he is the grandson of Rudolph Rine. His maternal grandparents were Samuel and Patsy (Miller) Jones. His parents were born in Coshocton and Knox counties, respectively, and were reared and married in the latter. The father became the owner of a good farm here. His family consisted of eleven children, nine of whom are still living, four sons and five daughters.

Emanuel Rine was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on September 9, 1871, and in early life he came to Jackson township, Knox county, and here grew to manhood on the farm and received his education in the public schools, and early in life he took up farming for a livelihood. After leaving the home place he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres in Butler township and here he has prospered through close application and good manage-

ment, adding to his holdings from time to time until he is now the owner of about five hundred acres in Jackson and Butler townships, of valuable and highly productive land, which he has placed under a high state of improvement and cultivation. He carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, being widely known as a breeder of Delaine sheep, Poland-China hogs and Percheron horses, and owing to the superior quality of his fine stock he finds a very ready market for all he offers for sale. He has also bought live stock for some time and has been very successful in this line of endeavor. He also operates a threshing outfit during the summer months. Thus he is always very busy and he has won a large measure of success, being now one of the substantial and progressive men of the eastern part of Knox county.

Politically, Mr. Rine is a Democrat, and while he takes an abiding interest in whatever tends to promote the general interest of the community and county, always lending his support in such measures as have for their object the material, civic and moral well-being of his locality, he has never aspired to positions of public trust.

Mr. Rine was married to Mary A. Allen, a native of Butler township, Knox county, and the daughter of George Allen and wife, Mr. Allen being an old settler here, now about eighty years of age, the Allen family having long been a well known and highly respected one here. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rine, named as follows: George Henry, born July 23, 1890, and Howard, born April 8, 1892, are both living at home; the third and fourth children, twin sons, unnamed.

Personally, Mr. Rine is a pleasant gentleman to meet, genial, obliging and straightforward in all the relations of life.

HENRY RINE.

Few lives in Knox county furnish a more worthy example of the wise application of sound business principles and safe conservatism as that of Henry Rine, well known farmer of Butler township. The story of his success is not long nor does it contain many exciting chapters, but in it lies one of the most valuable secrets of the prosperity which it records; his career is replete with interest and incentive, no matter how lacking in dramatic action. The record of a noble life, consistent with itself and its possibilities in every particular, and the youth whose destinies are yet matters for the future to

determine may well contemplate it with a view of gaining valuable lessons therefrom, for Mr. Rine has been a man of indomitable industry, public spirit and exemplary habits, thus eminently deserving of his material success and the esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

Mr. Rine was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, October 16, 1847. He is the son of Rudolph and Mary Ann (Underwood) Rine. The paternal grandparents, William and Nancy (Rine) Rine, were first cousins; they were born and reared in Maryland and came to Ohio in a very early day, locating in Coshocton county, where he became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, for which he paid only one dollar and fifty cents per acre. This he cleared and improved, and there established a good home, in which he spent the rest of his life. The maternal grandparents, Obed Underwood and wife, were also natives of Maryland, from which state they came to Coshocton county about eight years after the Rine family came here, and also entered government land in Jackson township, Knox county, which he cleared and lived for a number of years, later moving to another farm on which his death occurred, in the same neighborhood where he first settled.

Rudolph Rine, the father of the subject, was born in Coshocton county and his wife, Mary Ann Underwood, was born in Knox county and here they were married. He was a farmer and became the owner of about two hundred acres of land in Knox and Coshocton counties. Politically, he was a Democrat and was active in party affairs. He served as assessor in Knox county and as justice of the peace in Coshocton county. His family consisted of four children, three of whom are still living, namely: Henry, of this sketch; Casper, and Mrs. Malinda Jones, a widow. The first wife of Rudolph Rine dying, he subsequently married Elizabeth Bucy, of Jefferson township, and to this union thirteen children were born, of whom about eleven are still living. The death of Rudolph Rine occurred on March 12, about 1896, and his first wife, mother of the subject, died in 1849.

Henry Rine, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm and was educated in the subscription schools of his time and when a young man he took up farming for a livelihood. He worked by the day for four years, then rented land of his father for four years, then bought forty acres to start on and finally became the owner of one hundred and forty acres in Knox county, where he has been engaged successfully in general farming and stock raising, keeping his place well improved and highly cultivated, and he has a pleasant home and substantial outbuildings. He has lived retired since 1907, in which year he was stricken with paralysis in one side.

Politically, Mr. Rine is a Democrat, and he has served his township as supervisor, and in other capacities.

Mr. Rine was married on November 12, 1868, to Sarah Ellen Jones, a native of Knox county and the daughter of Samuel and Patsy (Miller) Jones, old settlers here, having come from Pennsylvania, and he devoted his life to farming. His family consisted of eight children. Politically, Mr. Jones is a Democrat, but not active. His wife is a member of the Baptist church.

Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rine, named as follows: Willis Howard died when one year old; Emanuel, a farmer of Butler township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Emma Jane is the wife of Lewis Bucy; Orpha Dell; Andrew; Rebecca is deceased; Harfer, Grover Cleveland, Hattie May, Ada and Clara.

ROSS E. HUNTER.

The record of the gentleman whose name introduces this article contains no exciting chapter of tragic events, but is replete with well defined purposes which, carried to successful issue, have won for him an influential place in the business circles of Knox county and high personal standing among his fellow citizens, among whom he has spent his earthly years, having been content to remain in his native locality. Mr. Hunter's life work has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable methods which he has ever followed have resulted not only in gaining the confidence of those with whom he has had dealings, but also in the building up of a large farming industry and the accumulation of a competency, owning a valuable estate in Union and Jefferson townships.

Ross E. Hunter was born on January 16, 1860, on the farm where he now lives one mile south of the town of Brink Haven, Ohio, and he is the son of Richard and Lavina (Workman) Hunter and a brother of Osborne Hunter, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. The father of the subject, who was born in Union township, Knox county, Ohio, spent his life here engaged in agricultural pursuits on the farm where he was born. The mother of the subject was a native of Coshocton county, this state. The paternal grandfather, Richard Hunter, was one of the earliest pioneers of Knox county, having emigrated from the state of Maryland to Union township in 1812 and here spent the remainder of his life. He began in an humble way and in due course of time had a good farm and was one of the leading men in his community. On the farm which he settled the father of the subject of this review was born, reared and, in fact, spent his life. He was

very successful as a farmer and was a highly respected man. He was a Democrat, but not a seeker of public favors. He and his family were members of the Baptist church. The death of Richard Hunter, Jr., occurred on December 9, 1891, his widow surviving until 1903. Their family consisted of five children, named as follows: Osborne, a farmer of Union township, this county; Norman lives in Buckeye City; Ella, wife of Charles H. Biggs, of Union township; Ross E., of this sketch; Ham is a practicing physician of Columbus, Ohio.

Ross E. Hunter has always lived on the place where he now resides. He was educated in the country district schools and the normal school at Danville. He was married on December 23, 1887, to Laura M. Hess, daughter of John H. and Susan E. (Calhoun) Hess, of Danville, this county, a prominent pioneer family from Maryland, and here Mrs. Hunter grew to womanhood and received her education in the local schools.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter: Archie D., who is married and living in Johnstown, Nebraska, is proprietor of a telephone system, of Brown county, that state; Donna Opal is teaching in the schools of Knox county; Naomi Lucile is attending the high school in Danville.

Mr. Hunter has kept the old home place well improved and under an excellent state of cultivation, keeping the soil from growing thin with advancing years. In connection with general farming he carries on stock raising of all kinds extensively. He is the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land, one hundred and sixty lying in Union township and forty in Jefferson township. He has a commodious, modern and attractive home, excellent barns and stock sheds. His home is picturesquely located on the east bank of the Mohican river amid most attractive surroundings, and, the family being prominent in the social life of the community, this hospitable and cheerful home is frequently the gathering place for their many friends. He is the only representative of the original pioneer families of this vicinity who still resides here.

Politically, Mr. Hunter is a Republican and has long been active in party affairs, always to be seen at the local caucuses, and on several occasions he has been a member of the Republican county committee, also a frequent delegate to party conventions, in which he has always made his influence felt for both the good of his community and the party. He served two terms as township trustee, refusing a third election. For many years he has been a member of the township board of election. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Danville and are active in church and Sunday school work. Mr. Hunter is one of our most public-spirited citizens and he

never witholds his support from any movement looking to the general good of the community. He has done much for the cause of good roads, being one of the promoters of the good roads movement in Union township, and is active in all other laudable improvements, being especially active in educational affairs. Personally, he is a genial, honorable and broad-minded gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know and he has ever held the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances, keeping untarnished the escutcheon of an old and honored family name.

Archie D. Hunter, son of the immediate subject of this sketch, whom we mentioned in a preceding paragraph, was married on October 23, 1909, to Iva Workman, daughter of Alonzo R. and May (Daniels) Workman, formerly of Knox county, now residents of Brown county, Nebraska, where they have become well established. To Archie D. Hunter and wife one child, a daughter, has been born, Iola Lucile, a winsome and bright little lass, the light of their home. Young Hunter is giving much promise as a business man and is popular in his community in the western state.

URIAH TAYLOR COOKSEY.

A citizen of the United States can wear no greater badge of honor than the distinction of having served the government in the four years of war between the states. It is a sacred family inheritance of renown, to be prized like a jewel by all future descendants and kept bright and untarnished by other acts of valor, patriotism and loyalty in the interests of free government. Even in this day when there are many of the old soldiers still living, no one can see a veteran of the great army that suppressed the hosts of rebellion and treason, dressed in his faded uniform, without feeling a glow of pride, and without showing him studied deference. But the ranks of the old phalanx are fast going down before the only foe that they cannot meet and vanquish, and ere long death, with his scythe so keen, will have wrought such widespread devastation that none will be left to recount the actual experience of that sanguinary conflict. In the meantime, while they are still with us, let us pay suitable honor to their sacrifices, patriotism and sufferings.

One of these old soldiers whom it is a pleasure to write of in this connection is Uriah Taylor Cooksey, farmer of Clay township, Knox county, who was born on November 22, 1848, near Dresden, Muskingum county,

this state. He is the son of Laban and Rheuan (Ogle) Cooksey. These parents came from Virginia with the pioneers and first settled in Muskingum county, moving from there to Licking county in 1850 and there they spent the remainder of their lives, having followed agricultural pursuits.

Uriah T. Cooksey was reared on the home farm and when but a boy learned the meaning of hard work there. He received such education as he could in the country district schools. When the Civil war came on, he, like the patriotic boys with whom he was reared, wanted to go to the front, but was not old enough, so he waited patiently through more than three years of it until on February 29, 1864, when but a few months over seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company H, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served until the close of the war in the Army of the Cumberland, participating in General Sherman's famous campaigns about Atlanta and from that city on the great march to the sea. He proved to be a very faithful soldier and never shirked his duty, taking the rough and dangerous work with as much courage as the oldest veteran in his regiment, according to his comrades. After peace had been declared he marched with his regiment in the Grand Review in the national capital. Among the numerous engagements in which he participated was that of Bentonville, North Carolina, one of the very last of the war. He escaped without being wounded or taken prisoner any time during his service. After the war he returned to the family home in Licking county, Ohio, and engaged in farming, remaining with his parents until his marriage, on September 4, 1870, to Nancy Winse, daughter of Joseph and Jennie Winse, of Licking county.

To the subject and wife nine children have been born, eight of whom are living, namely: Charles F., who lives near Fulton, Nebraska; James L. lives at Red Oak, Iowa; Rosanna married Dennis Evans and they live in Licking county; Zona D. married George Divan, of Clay township; Hugh L. lives in Clay township; Hermie D. is at home; Arthur J. Cooksey lives near Fulton, Nebraska; Bessie May also lives at home; Eli Harrison is deceased.

In 1871, one year after his marriage, Mr. Cooksey moved to Clay township, Knox county, and here he has remained to the present time, engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has a good farm of one hundred and eighty-eight acres and a pleasant home, being one of the leading farmers of this part of the county.

Politically, he is a Republican and has always been a loyal, consistent party supporter, but has never been an office seeker. He is a member of Updike Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He and his family are very highly regarded throughout the community.

WALTER B. FARMER.

One of the enterprising, twentieth-century farmers and stock men of Knox county is Walter B. Farmer, of Union township, for many years known as one of our most successful educators. He occupies a prominent place in the esteem of the people of this locality and is universally respected as a citizen, fair dealing having ever been his watchword in his business relations with his fellow men. He is a cultured, broad-minded gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet, being optimistic, looking on the bright side of life and never complains at the rough places in the road, knowing that life is a battle in which no victories are won by the slothful, but that the prize is to the vigilant and strong of heart. His example has indeed been salutary to the youth of Knox county.

Mr. Farmer was born on July 5, 1868, in Butler township, Knox county, Ohio, the son of Doty and Hettie (Giffin) Farmer, the father a native of Harrison township, this county, and the mother a native of Coshocton county. Doty Farmer was a Democrat up to 1861, when he turned Republican, his sympathies during the war between the states being with the Union. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in May, 1893. The mother of the subject, a woman of splendid attributes, is still living.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Doty Farmer, namely: Viola, deceased; Warren, a farmer of Union township; Dora M. has remained single and is living at home; Walter B., subject of this sketch.

Walter B. Farmer was reared on the home farm and educated in the country district schools and the Danville Normal School. Early in life he began to prepare himself for teaching, and, having become well equipped for his chosen calling, he followed the same with exceptional success for a period of eight years in the Knox county schools.

Mr. Farmer was married on December 25, 1898, to Jennie McKee, daughter of Charles H. and Priscilla (Ferenbaugh) McKee, of Union township, this county, where she grew to womanhood and received her education and where both of her parents were born and have always lived. Mr. McKee is still living, his wife being deceased. The family is well known and highly respected in this locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Farmer four children have been born, one of whom died in infancy: Cletus A., Hazel M. and Bernard L. being the surviving children.

After his marriage, Mr. Farmer entered the railway mail service, in which he remained eight years, giving entire satisfaction and winning the

confidence and praise of the department. In 1906 he resigned from the service and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, one and one-half miles southeast of Danville, Union township, where he has a fine farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation and on which he is engaged successfully in general farming and stock raising and feeding, keeping a good grade of all kinds of live stock, employing modern ideas in all his work.

Politically, Mr. Farmer is a Republican and has long been conspicuously active in local political matters, only so far as he feels that he is able, through his influence, to better the condition of his community and his country. He has kept fully abreast of the times in all matters, being ever a student and wide miscellaneous reader, his pleasant home being supplied with good literature. Fraternally, he is a member of the Twin City Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a church goer and supporter, though not a member of any congregation. He is a strong advocate of anything that makes for the moral and intellectual uplift of the people, and he is an agitator for good roads and all improvements in a material way consistent with the good of the people.

CLEM L. V. BLUE.

It is the pride of the citizens of this country that there is no limit to which natural ability, industry and honesty may not aspire. A boy born in ignorance and poverty and reared under the most adverse circumstances and unpromising surroundings may nevertheless break from the fetters and rise to the highest station in the land, the most noticeable example of all history of this being that of Lincoln, who, in early life, was, as every one knows, a poor rail-splitter and his home was a backwoods log cabin. These conditions give the youth of America ambition to push forward to achievement even in the face of obstacles. One of the citizens of Knox county who has done this is Clem L. V. Blue, farmer of Jackson township, having worked his way to a comfortable station in life.

Mr. Blue was born in the township where he still resides on March 8, 1863. He is the son of Hamilton and Adeline (Whitmore) Blue. His paternal grandparents, Daniel and Eva Blue, were natives of Wheeling, West Virginia, but which was in the Old Dominion at that period, and there they spent their early lives, but emigrated to Knox county, Ohio, very early. Grandfather Blue was a soldier in the war of 1812, and it is probable that

he came to Knox county at the close of that war. He took up land from the government and lived the life of the average pioneer of his time, redeeming a good farm from the heavy woods and undergoing the usual hardships of the times. The maternal grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth Whitmore, were natives of Pennsylvania, where they spent their childhood, coming to Knox county, Ohio, very early, locating in Harrison township where they, too, underwent the usual struggles of the newcomers to a new country.

Hamilton Blue, mentioned above, was born in Jackson township, this county, in 1834, and Adeline Whitmore, his wife, was born in Harrison township, this county, in 1837. They grew up in Knox county, attended the old-time schools here and were married. The father was a farmer and became the owner of four hundred acres of good land where he carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. Politically, he was a Democrat until Cleveland's first administration; after that he was a Republican. He was a man of fine character and was well and favorably known. His family consisted of seven children, six of whom are living, the eldest one, Willis A., dying in 1909. Hamilton and Adeline Blue were members of the Christian Union church. The father's death occurred on June 30, 1906, and the mother died on February 8, 1897.

Clem L. V. Blue, of this sketch, grew to manhood on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work, and he received his education in the public schools of Knox county. He has always been a farmer and he managed his father's place for some time. In 1902 he bought a portion of the home place and he now owns eighty acres, where he carries on general farming and stock raising and which he has kept well improved and tilled in such a skillful manner that it has retained its original fertility.

Politically, Mr. Blue is a Democrat. He has served his township as trustee. He and his wife were members of the Disciples church for nineteen years.

Mr. Blue was married on October 11, 1888, to Josephine Horn, a native of Harrison township, this county, and the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Horn, old settlers there, her grandfather, Joseph Horn, having been among the early pioneers of that vicinity. One daughter has been born to the subject and wife, to whom the name Inez L. was given.

Joseph and Susan Horn, grandparents of Mrs. Blue, were natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew up, and from there they came to Ohio about 1810, locating in Harrison township where they reared most of their family. The country was then a wilderness and the haunts of Indians and wild beasts. Her maternal grandparents, George and Mary Adrian, were also from Penn-

sylvania and very early settlers in Knox county. Both her parents were born in Knox county, her father becoming an extensive farmer, owning about four hundred acres of land here at the time of his death. His family consisted of ten children, all of whom are living, the oldest being now sixty years of age and the youngest forty. The death of Mrs. Blue's father occurred on October 9, 1910, having survived his wife twenty-seven years, her death occurring on March 10, 1883. Mr. Horn was a stanch Democrat and took much interest in public affairs.

DAVID P. CLUTTER.

The great task in early years of clearing land of its timber can scarcely be realized by the people of today. Not a crop could be sowed or an orchard tree planted until the timber had been cut down and removed, either by fire or with horses or oxen. Even then the stumps were a great hindrance and it was usually several years until they were out of the way entirely, for they had to rot out, the pioneers having neither dynamite nor modern stump-pullers. The amount of hard labor required to remove the wilderness growth, break the wild land, intertwined with a vast network of roots, and to keep sprouts and weeds from choking the young crops, seems almost incredible, in fact, it was a task that never ended and all members of the family were required to assist, not only from sun to sun, but from dawn to nightfall, and not many days were included in the "rainy" list either, most of the three hundred and sixty-five days being appropriated from a standpoint of necessity. But this persistence in all instances brought the coveted success in the future years, and in time the bare, productive acres were spread out on all sides of the primitive home, and soon supported growing crops and browsing herds. This was the task set before the ancestors of David P. Clutter, farmer of Morgan township, Knox county, and the task was faithfully performed; but the children were required to assist, and thus they grew up in industry and simple habits.

Mr. Clutter was born on October 13, 1849, on the farm a half mile north of Morgan Center, Knox county, Ohio, and here he has always lived. He is the son of David B. and Lavina (Cline) Clutter. Grandfather Samuel Clutter and his wife, known in her maidenhood as Rachael Denman, came to Knox county from Washington county, Pennsylvania, arriving in Morgan township, this county, on April 18, 1818, and settled on the farm where the

immediate subject of this sketch now lives. The country was then a vast stretch of heavy woods and wild game was in abundance and the sight of an Indian was not uncommon. The grandfather's family was sheltered here for some time in a log cabin. This was replaced in 1824 by a substantial brick house, which was the first in the locality, the brick for the same having been made on his farm by hand. The house still stands, being occupied by the subject and his family, and it was here that the subject's paternal grandparents spent the rest of their lives, having developed a good farm from the woods in which they first settled. Each lived to a very old age, and here they reared their family, David B., the father of the subject, being the youngest of six sons and five daughters. On this farm David B. Clutter spent his life, successfully carrying forward the work so auspiciously begun by the first Clutter, and he became one of the influential men of his community, although he died in early life, at the age of forty-four years, on June 5, 1855, leaving a widow, three sons and four daughters. The widow lived until July 15, 1886, having reared her children in comfort and respectability.

David P. Clutter was reared on the old homestead where he worked as soon as old enough, the early death of his father throwing responsibilities on him when but a boy. He received such education as he could in the district schools. He was married on April 7, 1877, to Eliza Rhine, daughter of Jonathan and Jerusha (Cullison) Rhine, of Clay township, where the family had moved a few years previously from Coshocton county, Ohio.

Three sons and one daughter have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Raymond E. is married and is farming in Morgan township; Alfred F. is married and lives at home with his parents; Ethel married Oliver McMillan, of Martinsburg; Guy L., who is an electrical engineer, is single.

Upon his marriage the subject began farming on the home place which he has kept well improved and well cultivated so that it has retained its old time fertility and strength of soil. Here he has prospered through close application and good management and is considered one of the progressive farmers of his community. He has reduced the place until he now has only one hundred and thirty-three acres of good land, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising, feeding all kinds of stock.

Politically, Mr. Clutter is a Democrat, though he is not a rigid adherent to his party. Since reaching manhood he has been interested in public affairs, and he has served as trustee of Morgan township, also was assessor and treasurer for a period of ten years, in succession, proving a most capable and faithful public servant. He has been a frequent delegate to party conventions. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the

Martinsburg Lodge, and he and his family belong to the Owl Creek Baptist church, of which he has been a member for forty-five years and a deacon for many years; he has always been active in church and Sunday school work, and has maintained the excellent reputation of his father and grandfather for sobriety, honesty and industry.

GEORGE PARSON WAGNER.

Taught in his youth to have system in his work, to lay his plans well and carry them to a finish with all promptness and carefulness possible, the success of George Parson Wagner, farmer of Middlebury township, is not to be wondered at, for he has ever done his own planning and his own work, never depending upon others to do what he could accomplish for himself, and, being a man who observes things as they are and who reads extensively, especially along lines pertaining to his work, he tries to farm according to twentieth-century methods. He is the scion of a well known family, members of which have sought to do their full share in the work of pushing forward the car of civilization in this locality, their examples being ever wholesome and praiseworthy.

Mr. Wagner was born in Middlebury township, this county, on January 1, 1851. He is the son of Henry and Sarah Anna (Jeffries) Wagner, the father born in Pennsylvania in 1822, and the mother in Wayne township, Knox county, Ohio, in 1825, and the latter died on April 25, 1911 The father came to Ohio in his youth with his parents and here was married and devoted his life to farming. His family consisted of six children, four of whom are living, namely: George P., of this review; Mrs. Sarah E. Martin; William Henry, farmer of Middlebury township; John L. The father of these children died on May 16, 1903. For a full history of the Wagner family the reader is referred to the sketch of William Henry Wagner, appearing on another page of this work.

George P. Wagner was reared on the home farm and he received his education in the common schools. Early in life he took up farming and threshing. In 1889 he bought a farm of eighty-five acres in Middlebury township, which he still owns and which he has brought up to a fine state of cultivation and improvement and on which he carries on general farming and stock raising. Politically, he is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Wagner was married on November 24, 1872, to Susan V. Lyon, a native of Knox county and the daughter of Isaac and Harriet (Craven) Lyon, a highly respected family who settled here in an early day from Maryland, and here Mrs. Wagner grew to womanhood and was educated in the common schools. Four children were born to the subject and wife, namely: Lewis B., Corliss H., Jennie May and Earl J.

The wife and mother was called to her rest in November, 1890, and on January 7, 1892, Mr. Wagner was married to Elizabeth Ellen Pancost, a native of this county and the daughter of David S. and Jane (Fenk) Pancost, an excellent old family of this county, in which the father was born and where Mrs. Wagner grew up and attended school. This union has been without issue.

GEORGE W. HYATT.

The subject of this review, a well known citizen of Liberty township, Knox county, has been an important factor in agricultural circles, and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated energy and industry. He is public spirited and takes a deep interest in whatever tends to promote the intellectual and material welfare of the community honored by his residence.

George W. Hyatt was born on March 12, 1856, in Clinton township, Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of Washington L. and Sarah (Hurd) Hyatt, the father born near Hagerstown, Maryland, February 5, 1829, and the mother born July 28, 1835, in Cornwall county, England, from which country she came to America when seven years old, direct to Knox county, Ohio, making the latter part of the trip on the canal, the ocean voyage comprising seven weeks. The father was also an early settler here. He devoted his life to farming and became one of the substantial and highly esteemed men of his community. He was a soldier in the Civil war, Company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and died while in the army at Point of Rocks, Virginia. His grave was located only two years ago at City Point, Virginia, the family having made a long search for it. The death of the mother occurred January 23, 1903. They were the parents of three children, namely: Ella, deceased; George W. of this sketch; and Sildia, now the wife of E. E. Pike of Lamar, Colorado.

George W. Hyatt grew to manhood on the home farm, and he was only

twelve years of age when he was compelled to go to work to help support the family. He remained at home until his marriage, on October 10, 1880, to Eldora Cramer, daughter of Michael W. and Elizabeth (Linson) Cramer. Two children have been born to this union, Clyde M., who died May 14, 1906, and Lela, who married Benton C. Horn. Mrs. Horn graduated from the Conservatory of Music of Otterbein University in 1908.

Mr. Hyatt has always been a farmer and he has met with a larger success than falls to the lot of the average tiller of the soil who has to start out with nothing and depend solely upon himself. He is now the owner of one of the best farms in his township, which comprises three hundred and twenty acres of fertile, well improved and well cultivated land. He formerly owned more land, but has sold a portion of it. He carries on general farming and stock raising, handling fine draft horses and sheep especially. He has a pleasant, well furnished home and good outbuildings.

Politically, Mr. Hyatt is a Republican and he has always been interested in public matters. He and his family belong to the Methodist Protestant church and they are active in church and Sunday school affairs.

Benton C. Horn, mentioned above, was born on September 27, 1882, in Butler township, Knox county. He is the son of Eli F. and Augusta (McLarnan) Horn, the father a farmer now of North Dakota. Benton C. Horn was educated in the country district schools and he has been teaching for three years. A large part of his life has been devoted to farming and he enjoyed a wide reputation as a successful teacher, receiving the highest salary ever paid in Liberty township. During the summers he attended Wooster University and taught in Liberty township, Knox county, in the winters, for three years. He was married on December 28, 1909. Politically, he is a Republican. He belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church and is superintendent of the local Sunday school of this denomination.

Mr. Horn held an agricultural exhibition and corn show in his school the past winter for the purpose of promoting an interest in agriculture. He awarded prizes for the best ten ears of seed corn selected by any pupil. He secured the services of the vice-president of the Ohio Corn Improvement Association to make an address and to act as judge of the corn exhibit. This was the first affair of the kind ever given by any school in the county, and probably in the state. That Mr. Horn is interested in his work can be assumed when it is learned that he personally paid all the expenses of the exhibit. Mr. Horn devotes much of his spare time to the reading of agricultural and educational literature.

JOHN B. LLOYD.

Men who love the esthetic and have eyes for the beautiful, even along the most commonplace stretches of the path of life, are not numerous; most men pass by, unnoted, flowers, sunset shadows and moonlight effects; they may walk through the primeval woods and never hear a bird sing or take note of any of the caprices of the creatures of the wild—these have been transplanted by the practical things of life in the souls of most men. But now and then one is to be found who devotes his life to the gratification of this attribute rather than plunge into the maddening scramble for the material things of a prosaic world. John B. Lloyd, a noted photographer of Mt. Vernon, is one of the most conspicuous figures of the former class of men in Knox county, for he has made art his hobby and loves the beautiful and ideal.

Mr. Lloyd was born on December 24, 1869, near Dayton, Montgomery county, Ohio. He was left parentless when about six months old and he became a ward of the Warren County Children's Home. When eight years of age he was taken into the family of a farmer of that locality where he worked for his board and clothes until he was sixteen years old. He had the privilege of attending school during that time, in the winter months, which constituted his only opportunity for acquiring an education. At the age of sixteen he engaged with a Warren county farmer for general farm work, with whom he remained two years, during which time he had the privilege of doing extra outside work, so he took a contract to clear fifty acres of timbered land, and, being a "husky" lad, he worked early and late and did the work in a short time. He saved his money and when he was eighteen years old he had accumulated the sum of eight hundred dollars. He had long had an ambition to become a photographer and so he arranged to enter the studio of L. E. Kratzer of Lebanon, Ohio, and he remained with him about a year and a half, when he embarked in business for himself at Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, but remained there a little less than a year when he sold his studio and went to Madisonville, Ohio, near Cincinnati, where he was employed in the studio of Young & Carl about three years, then followed a series of engagements at Lexington, Kentucky; Toledo and Loraine, Ohio; following which he became connected with the photographic department of the National Cash Register Company at Dayton, Ohio, and he remained in this responsible position until early in 1909, when he came to Mt. Vernon, and he opened a neat, attractive and well-equipped studio at the corner of Main and Vine streets, which is equipped with every modern accessory known in the photographic art. The excellent character and rare individuality of

Mr. Lloyd's work very soon began to attract attention and he has now acquired a large and rapidly growing business, his patrons coming from all parts of the county and surrounding towns. He has kept well to the fore in his line of endeavor, which art has undergone rapid and almost radical changes during the past decade.

Mr. Lloyd was married on January 1, 1901, to Mary Catherine Emerick, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Gowger) Emerick, a prosperous farmer of near Germantown, Ohio. This union has been without issue.

Mr. Lloyd is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished considering his early environment, and he is essentially a self-made man, a fine type of that sterling class of American citizens who make stepping-stones of adversities and refuse to be downed by untoward circumstances. He stands high in his profession and as a citizen, and his wife is a refined and cultured lady and an able assistant to Mr. Lloyd in his work.

HENRY CURTIS DEVIN.

An enumeration of the representative citizens of Knox county who have won recognition and success for themselves and at the same time have conferred honor upon the community would be incomplete were there failure to make mention of Henry Curtis Devin, who has long held worthy prestige in legal and political circles in this section of Ohio, and has always been distinctively a man of affairs, wielding a wide and potent influence among those with whom his lot has been cast; being one of those strong, self-reliant, progressive characters which are occasionally met with and who are of such a distinct type as to seem to be born leaders of their fellow men. Not that Mr. Devin courts that distinction, for he is entirely unassuming, but his great individuality and zeal in whatever he undertakes naturally place him at the head of the crowd and he has been a strong factor in shaping the destinies of the city of Mt. Vernon and vicinity, where he has spent his life. Selecting the law as his sphere, early in life, Mr. Devin has devoted himself principally to his profession, making himself what he is today, a thorough master of legal science in all its ramifications. The common law, the statutes of Ohio, the history, progress and growth of jurisprudence, as well as the higher and more abstruse principles of equity, are all completely at his command, constituting him a leader at the bar, which position is readily conceded him by his associates.

Mr. Devin was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on March 27, 1868, and is the son of Joseph C. and Ellen (Curtis) Devin. The mother was a native of Mt. Vernon and came of one of the distinguished families of the early days of the community, being the daughter of Henry B. and Elizabeth (Hogg) Curtis. Henry B. Curtis was of New England stock and came to Mt. Vernon in 1817 and soon engaged in the practice of law, becoming the leading citizen of the community, and prominent in the early professional and financial affairs of the state. Joseph Chambers Devin, father of Henry C., of this sketch, came to Mt. Vernon in 1849 from his boyhood home in Seville, Medina county, this state, and became a law student in the office of Columbus Delano, who later became a national figure. Joseph C. Devin, upon being admitted to the bar, began and always continued practice here. He formed a partnership with Samuel Israel and the law firm of Israel & Devin existed for many years. Later he formed a partnership with Henry L. Curtis, a brother-in-law.

Joseph C. Devin was not only a prominent lawyer, but was also a leader in Republican politics of the county and state. He was at one time in the Legislature as state senator from the Mt. Vernon district, being the only Republican who has ever been so honored in this district, and he was chairman of the Republican county committee for a number of years and he was very active and influential in campaign work, both locally and in state affairs for many years. His counsel was often sought and was of weight. His death occurred in 1905 and that of his wife in 1907.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Devin, Henry C., of this review, and Elizabeth, who married William H. Pratt, of Kenilworth, Illinois. Both parents were members of the Episcopal church and were devout church people and numbered their friends only by the limits of their acquaintance.

Henry C. Devin, of this review, was reared in Mt. Vernon and here attended the public schools, later Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1888, being the third honor man in his class, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Following this with a post-graduate course, he received the degree of Master of Arts from that college in 1893. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi college fraternity, and also a member of the honorary fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa.

After his graduation Mr. Devin spent some time in travel, then took up the study of law in his father's office in Mt. Vernon and he was admitted to the bar in 1893 and he immediately began the practice of his profession, forming a partnership, in 1894, with Harry D. Critchfield, as Critchfield & Devin, which continued until 1898. Mr. Devin then practiced alone until 1901, when

he formed a partnership with Dwight E. Sapp, as Sapp & Devin, which continued until Mr. Sapp's death, in July, 1910, since which time the subject has practiced alone. He was very successful from the first and has long enjoyed a large clientele. As a practitioner he is cautious, vigilant and indefatigable, contesting every point with unyielding tenacity and employing his vast store of legal knowledge in sustaining his positions and attacking those of his adversary. In argument he is clear, forcible, logical and convincing, his irreproachable personal character and untarnished honor giving him great weight with juries, and his known ability and learning equally impressing the bench. He practices in the district, state and federal courts.

Mr. Devin was married on July 10, 1895, to Fanny E. Marsh, daughter of Major Fletcher E. and Mary (Eaton) Marsh. The mother died when the daughter was quite young. Major Marsh was a resident of Indianapolis and was formerly a major in the regular army. He is now living in Cincinnati.

Two children have graced the union of the subject and wife, Fletcher M., born August 16, 1896, and Elizabeth Curtis, born January 29, 1900.

Politically, Mr. Devin is a Republican and he has always been active in party matters, but never an office seeker, and he has never held office. He has served on the Republican county central committee and has been prominent in the councils of the party. In fraternal matters he belongs to the Masonic order, the chapter, council and commandery, having filled all the chairs and has also filled the posts of presiding officer of each of the different bodies. He is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Devin belongs to the church vestry.

Mr. Devin is interested in the banking business, being vice-president and a director in the New Knox National Bank, of Mt. Vernon, which was founded by his grandfather, Henry B. Curtis, and he wields no small amount of influence in local financial circles. He is also a large holder of town and county real estate, and has extensive interests in the gas and oil development of this section of Ohio, and is now a director of the Homer National Gas Company, a producing company. He is a man of large affairs and has been very successful in a business way. He was one of the organizers of the Mt. Vernon Telephone Company and is now a director and secretary of the company, much of its success having been due to his efforts and judicious management. He is also a director of the Utica and Homer Telephone Company, also a director in the Sunbury and Galena Telephone Company and a director in the Mt. Vernon Gas Light Company and he is connected with various other companies of different character. He is vice-president of the

trustees of the Mt. Vernon Public Library, having held this position since 1897. The family home, a commodious and beautifully furnished dwelling of the colonial type, is located at No. 101 North Main street, being the old Curtis homestead where the subject's grandfather, Henry B. Curtis, spent the greater part of his life. This, one of the most attractive of the many splendid homes of Mt. Vernon, has long been noted for its hospitality and atmosphere of refinement, and is presided over with rare grace and dignity by Mrs. Devin, a lady of culture and refinement, and their home is the mecca of local social life.

Mr. Devin has always taken a great interest in the advancement and prosperity of Knox county and endorses every movement which he believes will be a benefit to humanity. He is a sociable gentleman and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. His achievements represent the result of honest endeavor along lines where mature judgment has opened the way. He possesses a weight of character, a native sagacity, a discriminating tact and a fidelity of purpose that command the respect and approval of all with whom he is associated. He takes first rank among the prominent men of this locality and is a leader in professional, financial and business, civic and social affairs; cosmopolitan in his tastes, broad-minded, progressive in all that the term implies and a fine example of that virile American manhood which commands respect and admiration in every epoch and clime.

WILLIAM C. ROCKWELL.

One of the best known and most successful of the younger generation of lawyers of Knox county is William C. Rockwell, of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Rockwell was born on November 9, 1873, in Miller township, Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of William and Catherine J. (Mack) Rockwell, the father a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Geauga county, Ohio. The father was a mere lad when his parents brought him to the Buckeye state, probably eleven years old. Here he grew to manhood, received his education in the old-fashioned schools, and here he was married, devoted his active life to farming and is still living at the age of seventy-three years, in Mt. Vernon; the mother of the subject also survives.

William C. Rockwell spent his youth until he was fourteen years of age in Miller township, this county, the family then moving to Mt. Vernon where they have since resided. He was educated in the district schools of Miller

township and the Mt. Vernon public schools, though his education was largely obtained outside the schools by personal application. Upon reaching young manhood he engaged in farm work by the month and when about seventeen years old he entered the employ of John Cooper & Company, learning the pattern-maker's trade; the factory finally burned down and with it his tools, and this seemingly untoward incident changed his course of life. He next engaged as a clerk in a grocery store, and began preparing himself for school teaching. He took up his work in the district schools of Knox county in 1898 and taught successfully for three years. While thus engaged he began the study of law with Sapp & Devin, a well known firm of Mt. Vernon, and later he read with Hon. L. B. Houck and was admitted to the bar in 1903, having made rapid progress. In 1907 he added real estate to his business and this has grown to large proportions, in fact, of late, he has given most of his attention to it. He specializes in farm lands and has been a very extensive dealer, his operations being confined largely to Knox county farm lands, of which he is an expert judge. He also handles city property. He has a peculiar ability in bringing together the men who want to buy farms and those who have them for sale.

Mr. Rockwell has a record and a real estate business of which he may well feel proud, his sales running up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. He is a diligent student of up-to-date methods, a hard worker, a good salesman and a strong and heavy advertiser, sparing neither time, brain nor money in his efforts to further his clients' interests and the establishing of his real estate business, which accounts for his success.

Mr. Rockwell was married on July 8, 1903, to Ollie G. Sprindler, daughter of Silas A. and Isabella (Watson) Sprindler, a highly respected Knox county family. The father is deceased and the mother lives in Mt. Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell have two children, a son and a daughter, Ona Marie and Ivan S.

Politically, Mr. Rockwell is a Republican and he has always been interested in public matters and kept thoroughly informed, though he has never held office. He is progressive in local, state and national affairs, and he believes it the duty of every good citizen to keep well advised on current questions, political and otherwise, and exercise the duties of citizenship judiciously and conscientiously. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church of Mt. Vernon and are active in church and Sunday school work. The family home is at No. 210 Oak street, Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Rockwell devotes her time to her family and she is popular with a wide circle of friends, as is Mr. Rockwell, both being highly regarded throughout the community.

IRVING C. MILLER.

Without searching in musty tomes or the less satisfactory authority of tradition for lineage, it suffices to state in writing this brief sketch of a master of his craft that his progenitors were in the broadest sense high, their influence salutary and whose characters and sterling worth have been reproduced on their descendants. The present age is essentially commercial and the man of esthetic nature is the exception; sordid dollar-getting seems to be paramount with most men; they could get along just as well without ever beholding a beautiful painting, smelling a breath of flower-scented air or reading a poem. Such men as Irving C. Miller, well known and popular photographer of Mt. Vernon, who loves art for art's sake and who has the rare gift to see beauties in nature which the average man would pass by unheeded, are all too few. The world would be brighter, happier, better with more such characters, for it has been said that he who has an eye for beautiful things is never a bad man, he has no time to waste on the paltry things of earth, his thought is too exalted, his ideals too high.

Mr. Miller was born on November 30, 1869, in Dayton, Ohio. He is the son of David and Susan (Garber) Miller, both natives of Ohio, where they were reared, educated and married. The father was a carpenter and contractor, spending most of his life in Dayton, where he was regarded as a very skilled workman and successful contractor, erecting many of the city's substantial and attractive buildings. His death occurred about thirty-five years ago, his widow surviving until 1901.

Irving C. Miller spent his childhood and youth in Dayton and attended the Dayton public schools, later entering the Ohio State Normal at Ada, taking the art and literary course. He then took up the study of photography in the Bunker studio in Dayton. He then went to Wichita, Kansas, where he worked two years, and for a time in Kansas City. Returning to Ohio, he located in various towns, later working in a studio in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and remained there several years. In 1899 he came to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and on September 15th of that year opened a studio for himself and here he has since remained. He gave his employers eminent satisfaction and, being a close observer and always a student, became exceptionally well equipped for his chosen life work, so that he met with success from the first when he established himself in this city and he now enjoys a very wide patronage throughout the county. He has a neat, well arranged and modernly equipped studio for all kinds of photographic work, which is of the highest grade possible, all modern methods being employed that are meeting the approval of the best photographers in the country.

Mr. Miller was married on November 23, 1898, to Nellie Sabelia Flocken, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Rupensburger) Flocken, a highly esteemed family of Bucyrus, Ohio. These parents were born in Germany, from which country they emigrated to America when young in years and were married here. The union of the subject and wife has been without issue.

Mr. Miller's favorite form of recreation is automobiling, which both he and his wife greatly enjoy. They are pleasant people to meet and since coming to Mt. Vernon have won a host of friends.

REV. LAWRENCE WILLIAM MULHANE.

Enjoying marked prestige among the clergy of southeastern Ohio, Rev. Lawrence William Mulhane, the able and popular pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic church, of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, stands out a clear and distinct figure among the useful men of this locality. Characterized by breadth of wisdom and strong individuality, his achievements but represent the utilization of innate talent and fidelity to duty, fearlessly advocating the truth and right, having accomplished much toward ameliorating the condition of his fellow men, often laboring with disregard for his own welfare if thereby he might attain the object sought—to make someone better, happier. Such a life is eminently deserving of emulation, being singularly free from all that is deteriorating or paltry, for his influence has been at all times uplifting and thousands of people have been made better for having known him.

Rev. Mr. Mulhane was born on February 21, 1856, in Massachusetts. He is the son of Dennis and Mary Mulhane. When he was but a boy his parents moved to Ohio, locating at Marietta, where the family home has since been maintained. The subject attended the common schools until he was twelve years of age, then entered the Marietta Academy, where he prepared for Marietta College, which he entered at the age of fourteen, being the youngest student ever entering the freshman class of that historic institution. In 1871, and again in 1872, he was honored by being one of the college public declaimers and when fifteen years old he received the second college prize for oratory. In September, 1872, he began preparation for the Catholic ministry. On invitation of Bishop Rosecrans, he entered St. Aloysius Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, then presided over by Father Gallagher, later bishop of Galveston, and here he remained four years, taking one year

in philosophy and three in theology. In 1876 he became a member of Bishop Rosecrans' household, and here began by private study to prepare to enter the famous college, Propaganda de Fide, in Rome, Italy. The death of Bishop Rosecrans changed his plans and, not being of proper age to enter the priesthood, he remained at the episcopal house, in the meantime writing for the *Catholic Columbian* until November 7, 1879, when he was ordained to the Catholic priesthood by the late Archbishop Purcell and was immediately assigned to duty as assistant rector of St. Joseph's cathedral on Broad street, Columbus, Ohio. The following year, 1880, when the late Bishop Watterson was appointed bishop of Columbus, Father Mulhane was chosen by him as secretary and chancellor of the diocese, a position of great importance and responsibility. He held this office five years, and on October 1, 1885, he was appointed to take charge of St. Vincent de Paul's parish at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He found the finances of the parish in bad condition and at once began to talk of paying off the accumulated debt. This he accomplished by the generous aid of the parishioners in exactly seven years. On the 1st of October, 1892, the old debt, amounting to nearly twenty thousand dollars, was wiped out. During this time improvements to the church costing nearly three thousand dollars were also made, and he had carried on the church work untiringly along many lines so that it became one of the strongest churches in the state, the congregation growing in numbers and the general work strengthened.

The town of Mt. Vernon was founded in 1805 and four years later the first Catholic settled here. The first mass ever said in Mt. Vernon was celebrated by Bishop Purcell, May 23, 1834, at the home of David Morton, a zealous adherent of the faith. The Bishop's next visit was in 1836 and mass was celebrated in what was known as the Banning church. Judge Anthony Banning, who was a Protestant minister, erected a small church on his land; he was an extremely liberal man and while he held tenaciously to his religious views, he accorded to others the same right and when churches and even the court house was closed to Bishop Purcell, Judge Banning offered his church and Catholic services were held there and there the first Catholic sermon was preached. For many years after this mass was said in the home of David Morgan by the priest who occasionally visited the growing flock. The number of Catholic families increased steadily and priests who visited Danville in the eastern part of Knox county also came to Mt. Vernon until Father Lamy was appointed pastor of St. Luke's in Danville in the fall of 1839, with charge of Mt. Vernon, and was urged by the bishop to begin a church here as soon as possible. In July, 1842, the church at Mt. Vernon

was under way in charge of Father Lamy. It was a small brick structure and when roofed and plastered, fire broke out and destroyed everything but the walls, and they were damaged. In time work was resumed and on Sunday, October 14, 1849, St. Vincent de Paul's church was dedicated. The pastor of the Danville church continued in charge of the Mt. Vernon church until September, 1851, when Rev. Julius Brent was given charge of the Knox county missions and here he remained until his death, nearly thirty years later. He was pastor of both Danville and Mt. Vernon until 1874, when he gave up the Danville church and devoted his remaining years to St. Vincent de Paul's, Mt. Vernon. In 1855 the present brick parochial residence was built. In 1862 an addition was made to the church and in 1872 a neat two-story frame parochial school was built and school opened in September, 1873. From the death of Father Brent in 1880 until September, 1885, Father Lane was pastor and was then succeeded by Father Mulhane, of this sketch, who has faithfully and ably continued the work to the present time in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned, his services here covering a period of over twenty-six years, he having taken charge of the parish on October 1, 1885. His work here has greatly increased the influence of the church and he has won the confidence and esteem of all who know him, irrespective of creed. In addition to the material improvements he has made to the church property already mentioned, he erected in 1890 the new school building at a cost of ten thousand dollars, complete with all modern improvements and having an enrollment of more than two hundred pupils. Only recently a large addition was built and a high school established. There are over one thousand parishioners, nearly two hundred families and upwards of seven hundred communicants. The various societies of the church are in good working order and Father Mulhane has the love and co-operation of his parishioners in an unusual degree. He is profoundly educated, having remained a student all his life and as a speaker he is logical, earnest, forceful and not infrequently truly eloquent, his powers of oratory being of a very high order. He is also a writer of a high order of ability, versatile, convincing and pleasing, always fearless in advocating what he believes to be right. He has been a large contributor to church and other periodicals. For many years he has made a study of leprosy and the work of the church in behalf of those afflicted with this dread scourge. In 1886 he published a book on the subject which attracted widespread attention. He has labored earnestly to induce Congress to establish a national home for lepers and in January, 1900, he visited Cuba and spent a month there, making a special study of leprosy. The result of his

investigations was given to the world in an article in *Donohue's Magazine*, which was widely read and commended. He has also written works on the life of General Rosecrans, the great Union leader in the Civil war, also on Hon. Frank Hurd, a native of Mt. Vernon and a distinguished Ohio statesman. During the winter of 1910 and 1911 Father Mulhane made a trip to the Pacific coast in the hope of benefiting his failing health and he furnished several letters covering the points of interest visited, for the local press.

During the twenty-six years as pastor of the parish at Mt. Vernon his labors have been crowned with great success in every way, and because of this fact and partly because of his genial, obliging, unselfish and unassuming disposition he is revered by a vast circle of friends and acquaintances.

LEVI S. BRADFIELD.

Among the men of influence in Knox county, who have the interest of their locality at heart and who have led consistent lives, thereby gaining definite success along their chosen lines, is Levi S. Bradfield, now engaged in the grain and feed business at Mt. Vernon. He has spent his life in this locality in which his family have been well known since the pioneer period.

Mr. Bradfield was born on November 13, 1849, in Brown township, this county, the son of James W. and Sarah A. (Sapp) Bradfield, both the Bradfields and the Saps being early settlers in this county, the paternal side of the family coming from Virginia when James W. Bradfield was a mere child, and the Sapps came from Pennsylvania. Members of each family have been prominent in the affairs of Knox county ever since they came. The father of the subject was a millwright in his early life, but later devoted his attention to farming. He and his wife are both deceased. Both are buried in the Robinson cemetery in Union township. Eleven children were born to them, of whom these five are living: Levi S., of this review; Thomas J., of Danville, this county; Mrs Lydia Body, also of Danville; William V., of Mt. Liberty, this county; and Mrs. Dolly Moore, of Boston, Massachusetts.

The son, Levi S., spent his boyhood and youth on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work during crop seasons and attended the neighboring schools in the winter time. When a lad he learned telegraphy and afterwards worked as an operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on the Pittsburg & Ft. Wayne divisions, for several years, giving the company the utmost satisfaction and being regarded by them as one of the effi-

cient and trusted employes. Following this he was in the mercantile business at Danville, Knox county, for several years, during which he enjoyed a very satisfactory trade; later he was in the same business at Mt. Liberty, this county. After spending several years at the latter place he exchanged his stock of goods for a farm in that locality and while conducting the same he continued to live in Mt. Liberty. While operating his farm he also engaged rather extensively in stock buying and shipping, and he continued very successfully in these two lines of endeavor for about fifteen years. In February, 1908, he moved to Mt. Vernon and has since been engaged in the grain and feed business, having built up a very large trade which is constantly growing. He has been very successful in whatever he has turned his attention to and is now very well fixed in material things.

Mr. Bradfield was married on June 22, 1879, to Mary E. Bennedict, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Bennedict, of Milford township, this county. Of the thirteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennedict, only three are now living, Mrs. Margaret Beeny, of Milford township; Abraham S., of Mt. Vernon, and Mrs. Bradfield. The subject and wife have no children.

Politically, Mr. Bradfield is a Republican, but he has never been an office seeker, though he is always interested in whatever concerns the general public. He is a member of Canterbury Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife belong to the Disciples church. They stand high in the congregation of the same and have many true friends throughout the county.

CHARLES D. HAYDEN.

It is not an easy task to describe adequately a man who has led an eminently active and busy life and who has attained a position of relative distinction in the community with which his interests are allied. But biography finds its most perfect justification, nevertheless, in the tracing and recording of such a life history. It is, then, with a full appreciation of all that is demanded and of the painstaking scrutiny that must be accorded each statement, and yet with a feeling of satisfaction, that the writer essays the task of touching briefly upon the details of such a record as has been that of Charles D. Hayden, prominent attorney and business man, of Centerburg, who, while yet young in years, stamped the impress of his strong personality upon the people of Knox county and is universally recognized as one of the leaders of the younger members of the local bar, and, judging by his past record, the future must needs hold many worthy largesses for him.

Mr. Hayden was born on October 28, 1879, on a farm near Centerburg, Ohio, and here he has been content to spend his life, having never heeded the voice of the wanderlust that lures most young men from their native heaths. He is the son of John K. and Emma E. (Halsey) Hayden, both born in this county, each representing sterling old pioneer families, who were influential here in the days of the far-stretching wilderness and who took a leading part in the subsequent development of the locality. The father of the subject was born in Hilliar township and the mother in Clinton township. The former spent his entire life in his native township, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, becoming a large land owner, engaging in general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He was one of the substantial and influential men of southeastern Knox county, and later in life he engaged in banking, having been connected with the first bank established at Centerburg, which was known as the Centerburg Bank. Later he assisted in the organization of the First National Bank and he was its first cashier, and at the time of his death he was vice-president and a director; much of the success and popularity of these well known institutions were due to his efforts, his wise foresight, sound judgment and conservative plans. The death of this excellent and prominent citizen occurred on May 4, 1908; his widow still lives in Centerburg. Politically, the elder Hayden was a Democrat and was long active in public affairs, his counsel being frequently sought by party leaders and candidates, and he held positions of public trust in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. He at one time represented Knox county in the Ohio state Legislature, where he made his influence felt for the general good of his community and the party, and he filled numerous local offices, such as land appraiser, a member of the board of education and others. For a number of years he was engaged in the mercantile business in Centerburg, and was interested in a number of other enterprises. He was a man of progressive ideas, broad-minded, well informed on current topics and he did as much, if not more, for this vicinity than any other man. He was a worthy member of the Presbyterian church and an elder in the local church for many years and was a liberal supporter of the church. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, endeavoring to carry the Golden Rule into his every-day life and his obliging, genial and gentlemanly nature made him popular with a wide circle of friends and admirers.

Charles D. Hayden, of this sketch, was educated in the Centerburg public schools, and he was graduated from the high school there in 1897. He subsequently entered Dennison University at Granville, Ohio, from which he

was graduated in the year 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, for a course in law, receiving a degree of Bachelor of Law with the class of 1906. His father's death necessitated his presence in Centerburg, and since that time he has been engaged in looking after his father's estate and general business interests. He practices law and also does a real estate business and he is secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Fertilizer Company, of Columbus, and he is a director in the Capital Limestone Company, also of that city. Thus he is a very busy man, and is, in every sense of the word, a worthy son of a worthy sire.

Mr. Hayden is a member of the Masonic order, Bloomfield Lodge No. 422, and also a member of Hawthorne Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, and in his political relations is a loyal supporter of the Democratic party; however, he has never been active in public matters, nor an office seeker, preferring to devote his attention to his large private affairs.

Mr. Hayden was married December 18, 1911, to Nancy Lillian Lewis, daughter of Dr. R. C. M. and Lou (Holmes) Lewis, of Marion, Ohio.

Personally he is a young man of pleasing address and is well liked by all with whom he comes into contact.

SYLVESTER ROBERT BEST, M. D.

The medical profession in Knox county has an able exponent in Dr. Sylvester Robert Best, of Centerburg, who while yet young in years, has shown what honesty of purpose, close application and unswerving energy can accomplish, and in every relation of life he has proved to be signally true to every trust. He possesses a social nature and by his genial and kindly attitude to those about him, has won the respect and confidence of everyone. He has been very successful, being known as an able and careful general physician whose integrity and thoroughness are unquestioned.

Doctor Best was born on April 5, 1872, in Lock, Milford township, this county. He is the son of Sylvester and Martha (Annett) Best, both natives of Hilliar township, this county, and here they grew to maturity, received their educational training in the common schools and were married. Grandfather Peter Best came to this county with his family in 1839 from New Jersey. He was of Scotch descent. He settled in Hilliar township and there be-

came a large landowner and one of the substantial and influential citizens of those early days. Sylvester Best, father of the Doctor, devoted his life to farming and became well established. He was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted on April 11, 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was a corporal and he saw much hard service. He was wounded at Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864, and permanently disabled. He has a fine record as a soldier. After the close of the war he studied photography and followed this for a number of years at various points, later returning to farming on a part of the old homestead in Hilliar township. He remained on the farm until a few years ago, when he gave up active work and is now living with his son in Centerburg. His wife died in August, 1909. Politically, he is a Republican and he has filled several local offices. He has always been a strong advocate of temperance and for some years affiliated with the Prohibition party.

Dr. Sylvester R. Best spent his youth on the farm and he attended the country schools and was graduated from the Centerburg high school in 1892. Following his graduation he clerked in a store in Centerburg for about three years. He had taken up the study of medicine while clerking, and later he entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus and was graduated from that institution in 1898, having made an excellent record there. He at once began practicing medicine at Brandon, Knox county, where he remained one year, then came to Centerburg and has been here ever since, having enjoyed a large and ever-growing practice from the first and taking a high rank among the medical fraternity of this locality. He has kept fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession, being ever a student. He has paid considerable attention to surgery and has met with much success.

Doctor Best was married on October 22, 1897, to Madge Cook, daughter of Capt. E. B. and Elizabeth (Howe) Cook, of Centerburg, where Mr. Cook was long prominent in business. The father of Mrs. Best served through the Civil war as first lieutenant of a company in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry and he served with distinction during almost the entire war. He was a successful business man and was influential in Republican politics, holding a number of public offices. His death occurred in the spring of 1900, his wife having preceded him to the grave several years previously, when their daughter, Madge, was a child.

Two daughters have graced the union of Doctor and Mrs. Best, Margaret Cook and Ellenor R.

Doctor Best is a member of the Knox County Medical Society and the Ohio Medical Association. He is a Mason, a past master, and is now secre-

tary of Bloomfield Lodge No. 422, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of Camp No. 62, Sons of Veterans, Division of Ohio. Politically, he is a Republican and has been active in political matters. He has served on the Republican county central committee, and has been a delegate to county, district and state conventions, and has held various offices. He has served as town clerk, and in the fall of 1909 he was elected mayor of Centerburg, and has proven to be one of the best mayors the city has ever had, doing much for its permanent good, being a man of progressive ideas, broad-minded and optimistic. During his term he has acquired a water works system and other valuable public improvements. He was the candidate of his party in 1910 as representative from Knox county to the state Legislature, but Knox being a Democratic county, he was defeated, though he made a splendid campaign and an excellent impression on the voters. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in church and Sunday school work. He is a popular and progressive citizen and stands high throughout the county.

FRANK V. OWEN.

Achieving an honorable record in the legal profession and as a public servant, Frank V. Owen, of Mt. Vernon, is esteemed for the many qualities that go to make up the inherent and finer attributes of head and heart of the refined gentleman. He is regarded by all classes as one of Knox county's enterprising, progressive, public-spirited citizens, quick to act and aid in any project that means prosperity and growth of the locality honored by his residence, and cherishing a deep interest not only in material and civic affairs, but also in educational and moral matters.

Mr. Owen is the scion of a sterling old pioneer family of this county, and he was born in Middlebury township, Knox county, Ohio, in 1857. He is the son of Gilbert R. and Elizabeth (Green) Owen, the former being of New England stock, his father, Warren Owen, having come from Vermont to Ohio among the early pioneers, settling in what is now Middlebury township, Knox county, when that locality was almost uninhabited and was an almost interminable forest, the abode of Indians and abundant wild game of all kinds. Here he built a cabin and began clearing and improving a farm, which in due course of time ranked among the best in the township, Mr. Owen becoming one of the leading farmers of his time and a prominent citizen in the affairs of the county. His death occurred in Delaware county, this state, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. On the old family home-

stead in Middlebury township, this county, Gilbert R. Owen, father of Frank V., of this review, was born, reared and educated and there spent his entire life, engaged in farming, becoming well established through his industry and honesty, being a highly respected citizen. His death occurred in 1863, in the prime of young manhood, being only thirty-eight years old. His wife, Elizabeth Green, was the daughter of Benjamin Green, who came to Ohio from Baltimore, Maryland, and he died in Perry township, Morrow county, where he was successfully engaged in farming.

The son, Frank V. Owen, spent his youth on the farm, assisting in the ordinary duties about the place and he attended the district schools in that vicinity. Early in life he was seized with an ambition to become a lawyer and he began bending every effort in that direction, finally entering the law office of Col. William C. Cooper & Moore as a student and he was admitted to the bar in 1884, since which time he has practiced at Mt. Vernon. Always a student, he has continually added to his knowledge of the law and has been very successful in the practice. His recognized ability, his diligence and faithfulness to every trust reposed in him have brought him a clientele of the highest character and he has grown to be recognized as one of the foremost lawyers of this section of the state. Mr. Owen is a man of intense energy and application. He goes into court with his case completely in hand. The labor of preparation is not considered. Everything depends on work and study—the study of men as well as books. In council he is inquisitive, exacting and exhaustive, wanting to know the truth and the facts. As an advocate he is earnest, honest and resolute, persuasive, but seldom drawing upon his powers of forensic oratory when the plain, straightforward facts are preferable in presenting his argument. He is industrious and untiring in his profession and in his duties as a public servant, and it is a rare thing to find him when not busy and in action.

The domestic life of Mr. Owen began in 1894, when he was united in marriage with Bessie Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Johnson, an influential family of Mt. Vernon. This union has resulted in the birth of two children, Elizabeth and Isabelle. By a former marriage Mr. Owen became the father of two sons, Charles and Robert.

Politically, Mr. Owen is a Republican and has always stood for what is best in political and public life. In 1887 he was elected as Knox county's representative to the state Legislature and while a member was active in securing important legislation. He served on some of the most important committees and was an active and earnest advocate of such measures as most intimately affected the interests of the people. During his term he introduced and secured the passage of a bill known as the "Owen Sunday Closing Law,"

requiring all the saloons of the state to be closed on Sunday, which has since been copied by many other states. At the expiration of his term he declined a second nomination, preferring to devote his time and talents to his profession and he has since declined all political preferment. His career in the House stamped him as a man of keen civic insight, rare ability and public spirit and won the hearty approval of his constituents.

Fraternally, Mr. Owen is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is a man of recognized ability and professional attainments, is a companionable and congenial gentleman and universally popular.

GEORGE W. McNABB.

That the plenitude of satiety is seldom attained in the affairs of life is to be considered a most beneficial deprivation, for where ambition is satisfied and every ultimate end realized, if such be possible, apathy must follow. Effort would cease, accomplishment be prostrate and creative talent waste its energies in inactivity. The men who have pushed forward the wheels of progress have been those to whom satisfaction lies ever in the future, who have labored continuously, always finding in each transition stage an incentive for further effort. Such a man is George W. McNabb, well known citizen of Mt. Vernon, whose well directed efforts have gained for him a position of desired prominence in the commercial circles of Knox county and his energy and enterprise have been crowned by success.

Mr. McNabb was born on November 25, 1867, on a farm in Bedford township, Coshocton county, Ohio. He is the son of John and Susan (Adams) McNabb, the father born in Harrison county, Ohio, and the mother in Coshocton county, this state. John McNabb came to Coshocton county when young and there engaged in farming, stock buying and shipping, also bought and shipped wool on an extensive scale. In 1880 the family moved to Howard, Knox county, where the father engaged in the hotel and livery business until 1893, when he moved to Mt. Vernon, continuing the livery business here. His death occurred in 1905, his wife having preceded him to the grave in August, 1897. They were the parents of six sons and three daughters, all living but two sons.

George W. McNabb was educated in the public schools of Coshocton county, and when the family moved to Knox county he began clerking in the store of W. H. Ralston, of Howard, at the age of fifteen years, remaining there for six years, during which time he mastered the ins and outs of merchandising, then bought the business of his employer and continued general

merchandising until 1896, having built up a large patronage through his close application, tact and honest dealings. Then, seeking a larger field for his operations, he moved to Columbus.

While living in Howard, Knox county, Mr. McNabb was married on June 6, 1889, to Lydia Tracy, daughter of Joshua and Mary (Rightineyer) Tracy, of Knox county, and to this union two children have been born, Helen, who is living at home, and Dwight T., also at home and a student in high school; the daughter is a talented musician.

On moving to Columbus, Mr. McNabb engaged in the grocery business for three years and for the three succeeding years he was secretary and treasurer of the Columbus Sporting Goods Company. Although his career in the capital city had been successful in a business way, he returned to Knox county in 1903 and opened a retail grocery business in Mt. Vernon, in which he has continued to the present time with ever-increasing success, his trade covering a large territory and constantly branching out to new fields. He always carries a large, up-to-date and carefully selected stock of staple and fancy groceries and he has a well arranged store building, his present location being at No. 139 Main street. In the spring of 1911 he also opened a grocery store at Gambier, which has been a most successful business venture. He has won a position in the front rank of enterprising and progressive business men of this locality and proven himself to be a man of rare acumen, foresight and sound judgment.

Mr. McNabb is a member of the Business Men's Association and is active in promoting the best interests of the community. He is a loyal Republican and while always interested in public matters has never been an office seeker. He is a member of the Masonic order and the chapter of Mt. Vernon; also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 140. He and his family are members of the Christian church, he being a deacon in the same and is also treasurer of the local congregation and active in church affairs. The family home is at No. 201 East Vine street, Mt. Vernon, and the family is prominent in social affairs.

WILLIAM H. MAY.

The record of William H. May, well known and progressive lumber dealer and mill man of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is that of a man who has, by his own perseverance and indomitable energy worked his way from a modest beginning to a place of influence and comparative affluence,

his life having been one of strenuous, straightforward endeavor and the notably systematic and honorable methods he has employed have won him the unbounded confidence and regard of those with whom he has come into contact. Mr. May has taken an intelligent interest in the welfare of the community and gives his unreserved support to every movement that promises to benefit the community along moral, educational or material lines. Genial and courteous in his relations with his fellow men, he enjoys a large circle of warm friends who esteem him for his personal worth.

Mr. May was born November 23, 1859, in Easton, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and he is the son of John and Margaret (Rafferty) May. The father was born in England and he emigrated to America with his parents when a child and settled in Pennsylvania. The Rafferty family came from Ireland. At the breaking out of the Civil war the father enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment and served through the war, being promoted to the rank of captain for meritorious service. Just prior to the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, Captain May's company was fired on from ambush and he and one of his men were killed. During his absence in the army his family moved from their home in Pennsylvania to Sandusky county, Ohio, and located on a farm, and there William H. May, of this review, grew to manhood and became familiar with farm work during the crop season, attending the district schools in the winter time. When about twenty-two years of age he engaged in the lumber business and he furnished large consignments of railroad ties to various companies under contract and soon had a good start. Later he added a saw mill to his equipment and for many years was extensively engaged in the timber and lumber business in Sandusky, Putnam and Paulding counties. In the spring of 1900 he came to Mt. Vernon and engaged in the same business on an extensive scale and met with pronounced success from the start. A few years later he established a saw and planing mill at the foot of Front street on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and from that time to the present he has been extensively engaged in the lumber business, supplying many of the principal lumber-consuming cities and he is widely known as a lumberman. He is a man of excellent business ability and of keen discernment, making few mistakes and his straightforward methods have won for him the confidence and good will of all who know him.

Mr. May was married on December 19, 1889, to Mira Spitler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spitler, of Hancock county, Ohio. This union has been without issue.

Mr. May is a Democrat in politics, but not active in party affairs, hav-

ing never been an office seeker, though he is interested and well informed on public matters. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order and the Knights Templar commandery of this order; he has attained the thirty-second degree and belongs to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is prominent in Masonic circles and he is a worthy exponent of its sublime principles, as his daily life would clearly indicate. He is the type of business man that makes a community thrive and he is popular with all classes of citizens. Considering his discouraging environment in early life, and the fact that he has been compelled to go it alone, he has been successful beyond the average business man.

WILLIAM J. WELSH.

The most elaborate history is perforce merciless abridgment, the historian being obliged to select his facts and materials from manifold details and to marshal them in concise and logical order. This applies to specific as well as general history, and in the former category is included the interesting and important department of biography. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of interesting situations and incidents, and yet in summing up such a career the writer must needs touch on the more salient facts, giving the keynote of the character and eliminating all that is superfluous to the continuity of the narrative. William J. Welsh, well known and successful insurance and real estate dealer in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, has led an active and eminently useful life, the more important facts of which have been so identified with the useful and practical that it is to them that the reader's attention is for the most part directed.

Mr. Welsh was born on June 1, 1868, in Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio, and he is the son of Peter and Catherine (O'Connor) Welsh, both natives of Ireland, from which they emigrated to America when young and married in the United States; they are now deceased. Soon after the birth of the subject, the family moved to Mt. Vernon and here William J. was educated in the city schools, where he applied himself well and received a good text-book training. While yet a mere boy he turned his attention to the insurance business, which has constituted his chief life work, and as early as 1884 he became associated with the Peterman agency, whose interests he looked after in this locality in a most satisfactory and successful manner until 1903, in which year he engaged in the confectionery business, in con-

nection with which he maintained a news stand, operating these until 1907, having built up an extensive patronage in both. Upon the last mentioned date he returned to the insurance business and established a general agency for himself, handling a general line of insurance, which has grown to considerable proportions and is still on the increase through his able and judicious management.

Fraternally, Mr. Welsh is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 140, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Kokosing Aerie No. 760, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Hiawatha Lodge No. 824, Royal Order of Moose. Politically, he is a Republican, and while he is not a politician and does not take a very active part in the affairs of his party, yet he is always ready to support any movement looking to the furtherance of the public welfare. He is a worthy upholder of the Catholic faith. He is a notary public and does a great deal of business as such.

Mr. Welsh has remained unmarried. Being a man of straightforward business principles and of upright character and genial manners, he is a good mixer and has numerous friends throughout the country.

GEORGE H. HEARD, M. D.

A name known to every household in Mt. Vernon and Knox county is Dr. George H. Heard, who has long stood at the head of the medical fraternity in this and adjoining counties, at least his reputation as a general practitioner is second to none. He has done much for the later-day development of this locality where he has ever had the confidence and good will of all classes owing to his public spirit, his high sense of honor and his success in the alleviation of "the thousand ills to which flesh is heir." Thus he is entitled to commendation for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that when the tocsin of war sounded during the dark days of the sixties he readily responded and served his country well in defense of the flag.

Doctor Heard was born May 23, 1844, in Dublin, Franklin county, Ohio, and he is the son of Thomas and Sarah (Haynes) Heard. The father was a native of Devonshire, England, from which country he came to America when twenty-four years old and settled at Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio. Grandfather George Haynes was a millwright and built the first grist mill erected on Paint creek, near Chillicothe; he was also a blacksmith, and a man

of rugged constitution and sterling character. His death occurred in 1851 at the remarkable age of ninety-nine years; his widow, who survived until 1878, reached the age of ninety-seven. Thomas Heard, father of the subject, was a physician and practiced in Chillicothe, Ohio, for many years. He was also a minister and became pastor of the Methodist church in Dublin, Franklin county, this state, which church edifice is still standing. He later moved to Columbus where he lived many years and where his death occurred in 1898, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1851, nearly a half century.

Dr. George H. Heard was the second child of a family of five children. He obtained his early education in the public schools of Columbus. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving three months, at the expiration of which he re-enlisted for three years in the Twenty-second Battery, Ohio Light Artillery, and served with distinction until the close of the war. He was taken prisoner at Strawberry Plains, Virginia, in June, 1864, and was sent to prison at Salisbury, North Carolina, for five weeks, when he was released and rejoined his battery, remaining with it until the close of hostilities. After the close of the war he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he remained two years, then he taught school a year in Franklin county, after which he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus and remained there a term. When his father removed from that city to Richmond, Indiana, he continued his medical studies under his father, but later returned to the Starling Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1870 and began the practice of his profession at Hillsboro, Indiana, where he remained two years, then moved to Richmond, Indiana, where he practiced successfully for nine years. Locating in Lafayette, Indiana, he remained there two years, thence moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, with his father, where they practiced two years. He then came to Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1881, where he was married to Jane Cryder, daughter of Jacob Cryder, of Hopetown, Ross county, this state. Dr. Heard practiced at Chillicothe for five years. From there he came to Mt. Vernon in 1888 and has continued in the practice from that time to the present, having built up a very large and lucrative clientage and his name has long since become a household word in this locality. He has kept well to the fore on all matters pertaining to materia medica and holds a high place among his professional brethren.

Two children have been born to the Doctor and wife, a son and daughter. Eugene is a surgeon in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Ada is now Mrs. Edward Thompson, of Richmond, Indiana. They were given excellent educational advantages.

Doctor Heard was married October 12, 1892, to Daisy Lane, of Mt. Vernon, daughter of John and Mary (Senior) Lane.

Politically, Dr. Heard is a Republican, but is not active in the party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Joe Hooker Post No. 21, Grand Army of the Republic, and he has been surgeon of the post for eight years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mrs. Heard being active in church work. They have a home here, but have been accustomed to spend the winters in the South for some time in order to avoid the rigors of a northern climate.

LAWRENCE C. PENN.

The enterprising citizen whose name heads this article needs no introduction to the people of Knox county. He has been for some time prominently identified with the mercantile and industrial interests of the community where he resides and always manifesting an active interest in the public welfare. The life of Lawrence C. Penn having resulted in success in material things and in much good to his fellow men, therefore is worthy of emulation by the youth whose fortunes are yet matters for future years to determine.

Mr. Penn was born on June 10, 1863, near Darlington, Richland county, Ohio. He is the scion of a sterling old Buckeye family, the son of Ezekiel and Sarah J. (Winand) Penn, both having been born in the same vicinity as was their son, Lawrence C. The father devoted his early life to farming, later engaging in the farm implement business in Mt. Gilead, Morrow county; later the family moved to Mt. Vernon, where the father was foremost in promoting the Mt. Vernon Sanitarium and became its manager. Here he became well known and prominent; he and his wife are now living retired in this city.

The son, Lawrence C., spent his boyhood on the home farm, and in the winter months attended the district schools. When sixteen years of age he moved with the family to Mt. Gilead and there he attended the high school. He had also attended the high school at Belleville. During this time he was also studying music, for which he had a great fondness and aptness. After one year at Mt. Gilead he began teaching music, giving private lessons on the piano at Mt. Gilead and in that vicinity, continuing his musical studies at Delaware, Ohio, under such eminent instructors as Carrie Laramore and Professor Thomas, both regarded as instructors of a very high order and

ability. He continued teaching for ten years and keeping up his study of music the meanwhile, being for a time under Prof. Hans Von Schiller, of Columbus, the celebrated German instructor, now head of the piano department of the Chicago College of Music. After coming to Mt. Vernon in 1892, Mr. Penn continued teaching for three years. About this time he opened a store here for the sale of all kinds of musical merchandise. Although his services were in great demand as a teacher and he was meeting with exceptional success in this vocation, he gave up teaching to devote all his attention to his rapidly growing business interests, which has now reached extensive proportions, his numerous patrons coming from all parts of Knox and surrounding counties. He employs a number of experienced and courteous salesmen in connection with his Mt. Vernon establishment. He also maintains a store at Delaware, Ohio, under his direct supervision with a local man in charge. He carries a full, complete and carefully selected stock of all kinds of instruments in both stores, everything in the musical line, pianos of the best high grade make, pianolas, organs, phonographs, in fact, every kind of musical instrument, sheet music and musical supplies. He also maintains in connection with his Mt. Vernon establishment a well stocked jewelry department, where everything in the jewelry line, cut glass, watches and clocks are carried; in connection with this is also a first-class repair and engraving department. In addition to these interests, Mr. Penn has various other important interests. He is proprietor and manager of Thistle Ridge Hospital and Sanitarium at Mt. Vernon, which is both a general and emergency hospital; he is secretary and treasurer of the Mt. Vernon Coal and Ice Company; he is president of the Hiawatha Park Association, a beautiful pleasure and recreation park near Mt. Vernon. He gives all of these his close attention, but having his business under a splendid system, he manages with ease these important affairs which would no doubt give others of less business calibre and acumen no little amount of laborious labor and trouble. He is a man of rare business ability and foresight, a born organizer and promoter and whatever he turns his attention to is a success.

Always interested in the general upbuilding of Mt. Vernon, he has ever stood ready to do his full share in promoting its general interests, along both material and civic lines. He is now serving his third consecutive term as president of the Mt. Vernon Citizens' Association, the purpose of which organization is to devise ways and means for the betterment and material progress of Mt. Vernon and Knox county.

Mr. Penn was married to Frances Frost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Munson Frost, of New York, a lady of talent and refinement. This union

has been graced by the birth of one daughter, Helen Cynthia. Mrs. Penn is an accomplished musician, both vocal and instrumental.

Politically, Mr. Penn is an independent Democrat. He is past commander of the Sons of Veterans, local camp, being entitled to membership in view of the fact that his father was a member of Company C, Seventy-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. He and his family are members of the Seventh-Day Adventist church, and they stand high in the best social circles of the city.

HUGH NEAL.

Early in life Hugh Neal, prominent professional and business man of Mt. Vernon, realized the fact that success never smiles upon the idler or dreamer and he has accordingly followed such an aphorism, devoting his life to ardent toil along lines that cannot but insure success. The popularity and prosperity which he enjoys has been the result of energy rightly applied and have been won by commendable qualities.

Mr. Neal was born on November 15, 1854, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and here he has been content to spend his life, wisely deciding that better opportunities existed for him right here at home than elsewhere. He is the son of Hugh and Ruth (Jackson) Neal, and a brother of George D. Neal, an excellent Knox county family, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

The son, Hugh Neal, attended the public schools in his native town and later the normal school at Danville, this county. After leaving school he engaged in the carriage business with his brother George, for a time, reading law in the meantime with Col. W. C. Cooper and was admitted to the bar in June, 1885, soon afterwards opening a office for practice in his home town and was making a good start when his practice was interfered with by his friends electing him clerk of the courts of Knox county, in 1886, the duties of which he discharged in such an able and conscientious manner that he was re-elected in 1889, and he received the benefit of the extension of the official term, serving six years and a half. After leaving this office he resumed the practice of law, becoming associated with William McElroy, and he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, being regarded as among the leading members of the Knox county bar and figuring prominently in the local courts, being an ardent, straightforward, vigilant and capable advocate and very successful in the trial of cases. He has always

been a profound student and has kept abreast of the times not only in whatever pertains to his profession, but in all current matters of civic, political, scientific and literary import. He practices in the district and state courts as well as those of the county.

When the oil and gas development began in Knox county Mr. Neal soon became active in this field and he has been most successful in the same, his operations extending to Wayne, Ashland, Richland and Coshocton counties in addition to Knox county.

Politically, Mr. Neal is an old-line Democrat and has ever stood ready to defend the principles of his party, being active and influential in the ranks for many years. When a young man he was a member of the county committee and was frequently a delegate to county, district and state conventions where he always did effective work for the good of the party and the people he represented.

Mr. Neal was married in December, 1875, to Eva Beum, daughter of Isaac T. and Matilda (Robinson) Beum, a highly honored Knox county family, and this union has resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Jennie R. married Burges E. Sapp, an attorney of Mt. Vernon; Georgia is in business in Kalamazoo, Michigan; Clinton married and is living in Columbus, Ohio; Edith is at home.

Mr. Neal is a member of the Masonic order, having attained the Knight Templar degree; also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has filled all the offices in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been a delegate to the grand lodge; and has also filled most of the chairs in the other lodges to which he belongs. He has a neat office, well equipped with law books, at No. 130 South Main street, and his pleasant residence is at No. 906 West High street.

SAMUEL FLACK.

The life of Samuel Flack, well known farmer of Butler township, Knox county, has been that of the average man—of sunshine and shadow, victory and defeat, toil and respite, failure and success, but withal a commendable and satisfactory one, and now that the harvest time is over and the autumn winds have come, he finds himself very comfortably situated and can take a retrospective glance over the backward-leading way and, seeing nothing of which he might be ashamed, for he has always been a man of upright principles and has done his duty as he has seen and understood the right.

Mr. Flack was born in Prairie township, Holmes county, Ohio, August 7, 1834. He is the son of James and Jennie (Grant) Flack. The maternal grandparents, Jonathan and Sarah (Kelley) Grant, were natives of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and they came to Ohio in a very early day, and in 1809 built the first cabin in Prairie township, Holmes county, when this country was a wilderness and the haunt of Indians and wild beasts. The grandfather cleared a "patch" and then fell ill, as so many of the newcomers to a wild country did, and for twenty-eight days lived by roots and barks, provided by his son. When about to die, an Indian buck happened along and directed them to the family of a "pale-face" on the Killbuck river, and there the son found Jonathan Butler, who, with his father-in-law, had reached the place the day previously, and subsequently the two families became very friendly, and as Grant could speak the Indian language he acted as "outlook" for surveyors who were surveying the "new purchase." He was a mighty hunter and many deeds of prowess are told of him. He returned to Pennsylvania the winter after his arrival here, and in April, 1810, brought his family to his new home; and, prospering through hard work, he made a good home here and in it spent the balance of his life. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, and for many years was a spy among the Indians of the early times. His family was a large one, and the mother of the subject had the distinction of being the first white girl born in Holmes county.

Samuel Flack, the paternal grandfather of the subject, came from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, to Holmes county, Ohio, in 1812. His wife, Betsy Smith, was of Irish descent. Their family consisted of nine children, namely: Robert, Jennie, James, Richard, Ibbie, Mary, Samuel, Thomas and William. After the death of his first wife, Betsy Smith, Mr. Flack married a Mrs. Beaver, a widow with two children, and to his second union five children were born.

James Flack, father of the subject, married Jennie Grant. He lived to be seventy-two years old, having devoted his life to farming, finally owning a good home. His family consisted of nine children. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he and his family belonged to the Disciples church.

Samuel Flack, of this sketch, grew up on the homestead in Holmes county and received such education as he could in the pioneer log cabin schools, and early in life took up farming for a livelihood, in connection with which he worked at the broom-maker's trade. He moved to Knox county about 1863, locating on a farm in Butler township, one mile north of his present home, then for ten years rented where he now lives, then bought land

in Liberty township, on which he lived for seven years, returning to Butler township about 1881 and bought the Lepley homestead, a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and here he has since resided, keeping the place well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully. This farm was entered from the government by Jacob Lepley, it now consisting of about nine hundred acres in Butler township, one of the best farms in the county.

Politically, Mr. Flack is a Democrat and he belongs to the Grange, and he has always taken the interest of a fair-minded citizen in public affairs.

Mr. Flack was married in 1860 to Elizabeth Lepley, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Hoyman) Lepley, a complete sketch of whom is to be found on another page of this work. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Flack, namely: Jacob, born August 29, 1861; Sylvia Ellen, born March 17, 1864; Philip W., born July 13, 1866, married, in 1904, Georgina Babcock, and they have four children, James C., J. Paul, Elizabeth Ann and Sylvia Ruth; Joseph L. was born on September 12, 1870; Dessie R. was born April 22, 1878. Two sons and two daughters live at home, all constituting a happy and congenial family.

Personally, Mr. Flack is a very pleasant gentleman, hospitable, obliging and he and his family have always stood high in the social life of this part of the county.

JOHN E. STONEBROOK.

In such men as John E. Stonebrook, the present able and popular treasurer of Knox county, there is peculiar satisfaction in offering in their life histories justification for the compilation of works of this character—not that their lives have been such as to gain them particularly wide notoriety or the admiring plaudits of men, but that they have been true to the trusts reposed in them, having shown such attributes of character as entitled them to the regard to all.

Mr. Stonebrook is the representative of one of the honored old families of Knox county, where he has been content to spend his life, laboring in such a manner as to bring success to himself and good to the community in general. He was born in Brown township, this county, on July 28, 1867, and he is the son of Mathias and Mariah (Hagerman) Stonebrook, both natives of Carroll county, Ohio, from which they came to Knox county in the early fifties. The father was a successful farmer; he and his wife are both deceased, John E. Stonebrook, of this review, being the only member of the family now living. He was reared on the home farm where he labored during the crop

seasons when a boy; attending the district schools, during the winter months, later attending a normal school for a short time. He prepared himself for a teacher and followed that profession with singular success for several years and later engaged in various pursuits. Being a young man of studious and inquisitive habits, courageous and fostering proper ideals, he continued to press forward in the face of obstacles until he has been appropriately rewarded. He finally became connected with the C. & G. Cooper Company, of Mt. Vernon, in the capacity of timekeeper and he remained in the employ of this company until the fall of 1908, rendering most efficient service. In the year mentioned he was elected treasurer of Knox county, and he gave such high-grade and satisfactory service that his constituents gladly returned him to the same office in the fall of 1910 and he entered upon his second term in September, 1911. He gives his individual attention to the affairs of the office and the consensus of opinion is that the county has never had a better treasurer. He has always been a loyal Republican and ever since he was a young man he has been deeply interested in public affairs. For some time he represented Brown township, his home community, upon the Republican county central committee.

Mr. Stonebrook is a man of splendid characteristics and business qualifications and has proven himself to be a painstaking and popular public official. His influence in the community is always for the betterment of conditions and the uplift of the people.

On June 12, 1902, Mr. Stonebrook was united in marriage with Sarah Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beck, of Holmes county, Ohio, and this union has resulted in the birth of four children, two sons and two daughters, Kenneth, Mary, Albert and Ruth.

Fraternally, Mr. Stonebrook is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife belongs to the German Evangelical Lutheran church.

JACOB LEPLEY.

One of the well known and highly revered pioneers of this section of the Buckeye state who is eminently entitled to a place in his country's history was Jacob Lepley, long since departed to that "undiscovered bourne from whence no traveler e'er returns." He is remembered as a man of many

sterling attributes of head and heart, courageous, loyal to the right as he saw and understood the right, a persistent worker and a man of public spirit. He lived in an epoch that tried men's souls and tested their mettle, and he was not found wanting in the performance of his innumerable tasks. He was a fine type of those men who redeemed the fertile farms of today from the wilderness and made possible the pleasant homes of the present generation.

Mr. Lepley was born in Pennsylvania on June 7, 1801, and there he grew to manhood, his early life not differing materially from that of other pioneer children. Upon reaching manhood he married Margaret Hoyman, who was also born in Pennsylvania on April 17, 1801. They left Somerset county, that state, in 1825 and came to Knox county, Ohio, locating on a farm in Butler township, and there by hard work developed a farm on which they spent the balance of their lives, his death occurring on October 15, 1882, and the mother on May 5, 1878. In connection with farming, he also followed carpentering. He entered a quarter section of land here, thus founding the Lepley homestead. Hunting and fishing were his recreations, and he delighted in each, being a successful sportsman, in the days when game was abundant. Politically, he was a Jeffersonian, Jacksonian Democrat and loyal to his convictions. His wife was a great worker in the church, the field and the home. She wove and spun their own clothing for her family. They were Lutherans.

To Jacob Lepley and wife ten children were born, named as follows: Caroline, born March 31, 1824, died March 29, 1891; Valentine, born January 22, 1826, lives in Hardin county, Iowa; Polly, born September 12, 1827, died September 15, 1828; William, born July 6, 1829, died June 14, 1903; George, born January 26, 1831, died March 20, 1902; Susanna, born April 25, 1833, died February 25, 1905; Adam, born April 16, 1835, died November 10, 1908, in Hardin county, Iowa; Philip, born April 11, 1837, died October 22, 1909, in Yolo county, California; Elizabeth, October 5, 1839; Nancy, October 16, 1841.

Tradition says that Adam Lepley, Sr., was the first of the Lepleys to come to America; and that he emigrated from Wurtemberg, Germany, and settled in Pennsylvania, later moving to Ohio, where he spent the balance of his days, being an early pioneer here, and he and his wife are both buried in the Lepley cemetery in Knox county. He was born on February 6, 1755, and died on August 26, 1831; his wife was born on March 22, 1755, and her death occurred on April 11, 1842. They had several children, of whom Adam Lepley, Jr., was one, and he was the father of Jacob Lepley, subject of this sketch.

LEANDER CAYWOOD.

The march of improvement is accelerated day by day, and each successive moment seems to demand of men a broader intelligence and greater discernment than did the preceding, showing that successful men must be live men in this age, bristling with activity. The purpose of biography is to preserve the records of such men for the edification of succeeding generations; thus the lessons of biography may be far-reaching to an extent not superficially evident. A man's reputation is the property of the world, for the laws of nature have forbidden isolation. Every human being either submits to the controlling influence of others or wields an influence which touches, controls, guides or misdirects others. If he be honest and successful in his chosen field of endeavor, investigation will brighten his fame and point the way along which others may follow with like success. Consequently, it is believed that a critical study of the life record of Leander Caywood, one of the substantial and prominent citizens of Knox county, long a leading agriculturist and stock man, now living in the city of Fredericktown, will benefit the readers of this history, for it has been one of large success, usefulness and honor.

Mr. Caywood is a worthy representative of one of the sterling old pioneer families of Knox county, and here he has been content to spend his life, his birth having occurred in Middlebury township on January 9, 1844, on a farm. He is the son of John and Sarah (Murphy) Caywood. William Caywood, paternal grandfather of the subject, came from New Jersey in 1812 and settled in Middlebury township, this county, when this part of the state, indeed most of the state, was yet a wilderness and the home of the red man and wild beast. He entered a section of land from the government, and here he resided until his death, a few years later, in 1816. He was buried in the Friends cemetery, near the Owl Creek church, now fallen to decay. Many of the pioneer settlers were buried here. The elder Caywood's wife died in New Jersey and he brought with him his three sons, William, David and John. The hostility of the Indians caused him to return the sons to the home of their grandfather in New Jersey, with whom John remained until 1830. The other two sons returned to Knox county, Ohio, and took charge of their father's estate about the time of his death. David was killed by a falling tree and William remained in the community; neither ever married.

John Caywood, father of the immediate subject of this sketch, was married in Middlebury township, this county, to Sarah Murphy, a native of

the township and a daughter of William Murphy, who came to Knox county from Pennsylvania in early pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Caywood began their married life on a farm purchased by his father in 1812, and there they established a good home, in which they spent the balance of their lives, both dying at the age of seventy-two years. Early in life Mr. Caywood was a Whig in his political belief, and later he voted the Republican ticket, at the birth of the party. To these parents thirteen children were born, nine of whom reached maturity and five are yet living, namely: Leander, of this sketch; Alfred, of Trinidad, Colorado; Lewis D., of Fredericktown; Lavilla married Zachariah Zedaker and they live on part of the old home farm in Middlebury township; Luella married C. J. Mann and they also live on a part of the old homestead. Three of the Caywood brothers were soldiers in the Civil war, Abner, Sylvester and Leander, the latter being the only one of the three now living.

The subject of this sketch was the sixth child in order of birth and he grew to manhood on the home farm, and when but a boy he began the hard labor of the fields. He received what education he could in the log cabin schools of his community. He was married in March, 1872, to Frances Ewers, who was born in Perry township, Richland county, Ohio, November 23, 1848, the daughter of David G. and Almina (Johnson) Ewers. David G. Ewers was a son of Robert and Martha (Gregg) Ewers, who eloped in youth and were married in the middle of the Potomac river. She was a worthy representative of the Gregg family, who underwent the hardships incident to the memorable siege of Londonderry, Ireland, and the blood of her Presbyterian Scotch-Irish ancestry made her a strong character. The Ewers family was prominent in the locality where the members of the same lived. Robert Ewers was the son of John and Sarah (Gladden) Ewers, of Loudoun county, Virginia. The ancestry of this family is traced back to the Norman conquest. The early emigrants of the Ewers family first settled on the banks of the Delaware river, near Philadelphia. Their property was later destroyed by the British and they moved to Virginia. Besides Robert Ewers and his brother David, who came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1812, Richard and Jonathan soon followed, all of whom lived to an advanced age and all are buried in the Friends cemetery on Owl creek. Robert settled in the northern part of Middlebury township, where he lived and died and where he became prosperous, owning upwards of one thousand acres of good land. His children were George Washington, John William, David Robert, Thomas, Mariah (who became Mrs. William Bigbee) and Martha (who married W. S. Files). There are no survivors. Almina Johnson, the mother

of Mrs. Caywood, wife of the subject, was a daughter of Squire James and Abigail (Richardson) Johnson. Mr. Johnson served for nearly a half century as justice of the peace. He first settled in Wayne township, Knox county, in 1813. Much of their later life was spent with their daughter, Mrs. Caywood, where they died, he at the age of seventy-two and she at the age of seventy-six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Caywood began married life on a farm in Middlebury township, where they continued to live until 1907, successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising; in that year they moved to Fredericktown. By judicious management and the exercise of sound judgment and honest business principles, Mr. Caywood prospered, became a large land owner and his was one of the finest and most desirable farms in Knox county. He always believed in employing the latest methods in agricultural pursuits and in keeping fully abreast of the times. He studied the soils, grains, crop rotation, fertilization and all phases of his work so as to get the largest results for the least outlay of labor. He kept his land under a high state of cultivation and improvement, kept the most approved modern machinery and his buildings were always in order. He has devoted much attention to the raising and breeding of live stock, being an excellent judge of the same; in fact, it is doubtful if any man in this locality has done more to improve the breed of cattle. For many years he made a specialty of breeding Polled Durham cattle and his Kokosing herd of Polled Durhams were widely and favorably known among breeders everywhere, and many excellent animals have gone from this herd to improve the country's live stock in many states.

Mr. Caywood was one of the promoters and charter members of the American Polled Durham Breeders' Association, organized at Chicago, November 18, 1890, and he was a member of the first board of directors. His herd was a prize winner wherever exhibited, and single animals brought fancy prices. He was a recognized leader among cattle breeders, as he was a model farmer among farmers. Mr. Caywood sold his fine herds when he moved to Fredericktown in 1907, and has since lived a retired life, having accumulated a competency. He retained one of his excellent farms and has looked after this in a general way.

Politically, Mr. Caywood has always been a Republican and active in party and public matters. He was justice of the peace for twenty years, during which time he discharged the duties of this office in a manner that brought much credit to himself and won the confidence and hearty commendation of all concerned, his decisions being characterized by fairness and

a rare knowledge of justice and jurisprudence, and they seldom met with reversal at the hands of a higher tribunal. In the language of Shakespeare, this honor was literally "thrust upon him," for he never sought office of any kind in his life. Besides being justice of the peace he served as township assessor and treasurer on several occasions, and also as a member of the school board for years. He has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. Fraternally, he is a charter member of the Middlebury Grange No. 192, Patrons of Husbandry. He belongs to Jacob Young Post No. 539, Grand Army of the Republic, being the present commander of the post, and he has been a frequent delegate to state and national encampments. He is a member of the National Association of Civil War Musicians. He has traveled extensively and spent the winter of 1910 and 1911 in Florida. He is a man of high standards and wide influence.

Mrs. Caywood was called to her rest on March 29, 1909. She was a woman of commendable attributes and estimable disposition, a favorite with a host of friends. Strong-minded, progressive and of humanitarian ideas, she was a potent influence for good in her community and a fit helpmeet for such a gentleman as the subject, no small part of his success being attributable, no doubt, to her sympathy and encouragement. She attended school in the old log school house and later walked two miles to Fredericktown to school and was finally engaged as a teacher in the schools here

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CHARLES A. YOUNG.

Charles A. Young was born on May 10, 1827, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Hubbell and Rachael (Shipley) Young. This family came to Knox county, Ohio, about 1833, and located on a farm one mile northeast of the farm whereon the family lived so long at a later day. They became well known and influential in that remote pioneer period and were among the county's substantial citizens.

Charles A. Young grew up on the home farm and when but a boy he knew the meaning of hard work, for in developing a farm from the primeval forests in those times the labor of all the family was required. His father settled in the woods and started life here in a log cabin which he erected, then cleared and developed the land into a good farm and finally had a comfortable home. The subject received such education as those early times afforded. Later he attended Sloan's Academy at Mt. Vernon. He was married on

December 28, 1858, to Angeline Armstrong, daughter of Eliphalet and Tacy (Irwin) Armstrong, a prominent old family of Mt. Vernon. To this union one son was born, Frank E. Young, who succeeds the father in the management of the estate.

Charles A. Young after his marriage began housekeeping on a part of the home farm, and there he lived for about seven years, when he purchased a farm one and one-half miles east of Mt. Vernon in Monroe township, his first purchase being one hundred and seventy acres. Here he prospered through good management, close application and honest dealings with his fellow men, and later added to his holding until he became the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of fine land, which he placed under excellent improvements and a high state of cultivation. Here he carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale for many years and became one of the substantial and most progressive farmers in this part of the county. Although he kept live stock of all kinds, he made a specialty raising sheep, keeping large flocks of good wool producers.

Politically, Mr. Young was a Democrat and he was always active in public matters. He served two terms as county commissioner and was a most efficient and conscientious public servant. His support could always be depended upon in the furtherance of any movement having as its object the general good. He was a man of great activity and force of character and one of the most representative citizens of Knox county. He was a member of the Masonic order and the Congregational church, and he carried the sublime precepts of each into his every-day life. Mrs. Young is a Baptist in her religious faith.

FRANK E. YOUNG.

Frank E. Young was born on September 15, 1860, on the home farm in Knox county, Ohio. He is the only child of Charles A. and Angeline (Armstrong) Young, the father born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1827, and his death occurred on February 14, 1908, but the mother is still living, making her home on the old place with her son. The father became one of the substantial and well known farmers of Knox county, and farmed on a large scale and handled large numbers of live stock from year to year, devoting his entire life to farming, making sheep raising a specialty. He was an influential factor in public affairs and a loyal Democrat, and he was active in the Masonic order and the Congregational church, a good and use-

ful man, whom the community will miss for many years to come. A complete sketch of him appears on another page.

Frank Young was married on November 26, 1884, to Nannie M. Merrin, daughter of George and Lodema (Irwin) Merrin, a prominent family of Morris township, this county, where Mr. Merrin has a valuable farm, and there Mrs. Young grew to womanhood and she received her education in the country and Mt. Vernon high schools.

Two daughters have graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Young, namely: Florence M. and Mabel I., both educated at Oberlin College, where they made excellent records, and they have always been popular in local social circles.

Politically, Mr. Young is a Democrat, and while he takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs and his support may always be depended upon in furthering any worthy cause, he is not a seeker after public favors or the emoluments of offices within the gift of the people, preferring to devote his exclusive interests to the home farm. Mrs. Young and daughters are members of the Congregational church of Mt. Vernon.

IRVEN SEVITS.

One of the farmers of Union township who has by his industry and good management reached a stage of comfortable circumstances is Irven Sevits. What is meant by comfortable circumstances does not only include material well-being, but also time for recreation and culture, and some liberty to travel. When the individual has reached this condition he is prepared to enjoy life and needs no money. But a great many people have reached various stages of this condition and in that proportion are happy. Most people imagine their troubles. It is now well known that the state of the mind has everything to do with the state of the temper. When one can reduce existence to the happy state of Mr. Sevits, he is prepared to enjoy a considerable degree of happiness. It requires a philosophic mind to be able to do this. He is yet a young man, and his greatest pleasure is not in idleness, but in its antithesis—work; he has never found labor and the every-day duties of life irksome, and although he is far from being a rich man he has sufficient of this world's goods to make him, or that should make any fair-minded man, content with their lot. Many millionaires are most unhappy, which goes to show that there are other things in life besides dollars.

Irven Sevits was born on March 7, 1871, on the farm in Union township, one mile south of Brinkhaven. He is the son of William and Jane (Workman) Sevits. The father was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Coshocton county, Ohio. The father came to Knox county in 1867, when he was twenty-three years old. He was married soon afterwards and settled in Tiverton township, Coshocton county, but soon afterwards he moved to Union township, Knox county. Early in life he followed railroading, but later turned his attention to farming. He is still living in Union township. His wife died in December, 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. William Sevits were born two sons and two daughters, namely: Stephen, who lives in Union township; Irven, of this sketch; Selena married Bur. Haugher, of Howard township; Alice married William Edwards, and lives in New Comerstown. The father was a life-long Republican and a member of the Disciples church, highly respected and a useful citizen.

Irven Sevits, of this review, was reared on the home farm and educated in the district schools. During his boyhood days he assisted with the general work about the place and has always followed farming pursuits.

Mr. Sevits was married on April 26, 1884, to Ida Wolf, daughter of Adam and Fanny (Butler) Wolf, of Union township, and to this union two sons and one daughter were born, namely: Everett, William A. and Mary F., all living at home.

Mr. Sevits after his marriage engaged in farming in Union township, and in 1904 he bought and moved to his present farm near where he was born, the place consisting of one hundred and seventy-five acres. He has placed this rich, productive land under a high state of improvement and cultivation, and here carries on general farming and stock raising successfully, specializing on thoroughbred Guernsey cattle, of which he has a fine herd. He also raises this kind of stock for breeding purposes, and he has a wide reputation as a result of his fine stock. Owing to their superior quality they find a very ready market when offered for sale. He is an excellent judge of live stock and knows well how to care for them so as to get the best results. He also keeps high-grade horses, preferring Percherons, and at the exhibits over the country he usually takes first premiums, having frequently won blue ribbons at county fairs. He also handles high-grade Delaine sheep. He believes in keeping the best grades of all kinds of stock, and no small portion of his annual income is derived from this source. His name has gone throughout the state as a result of his fine live stock. He believes in employing up-to-date methods in his stock raising and farming, and is one of the progressive and substantial men of his township and county. He

takes a great interest in agricultural fairs, and he is a member of the board of directors and active in its operations; in fact, no small part of its success has been due to his efforts.

Politically, Mr. Sevits is a Republican and he has long been active and influential in public matters. He has served as a member of the township board of education, being still a member. In the fall of 1911 he was elected one of the trustees of Union township. He is always among the foremost of those who advocate progressive measures in all things. He belongs to the Danville Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, being a charter member of the Grange. Religiously, he belongs to the Baptist church, and his wife and children are members of the Disciples church of Danville. He is a trustee and a liberal supporter of the church in which he holds membership; in fact, the entire family is active in church and Sunday school work, and is prominent in the social life of the neighborhood.

JOSEPH McMILLAN.

Among the successful farmers and stock men of Union township and a descendant of one of the sterling pioneer families of Knox county is Joseph McMillan. Having grown up on a farm and handled stock all his life, he is familiar with that class of husbandry. It requires something more than carelessness to select the best animals in any herd and to rear them in such a manner that the best points will be brought out and emphasized. As the best stock brings the best price, the most skillful farmers make it an object to raise the higher grades, knowing that the market will be the better for a given effort and outlay. All these important points are borne in mind by all good stock raisers. Then there are the questions of feeding, watering, salting, stables and the best time of marketing the animals. It is true that the best farmers study the market quotations of stock in the principal cities, and by so doing very often receive the reward of their watchfulness in a much more satisfactory price for their products. This is true of the grain producers, as well as those of the yards. One of the farmers and stock men of this locality who thus manages to get the best stock and the best prices is Mr. McMillan.

The subject of this sketch was born on March 17, 1862, on a farm in Union township, this county, and he has always lived in this vicinity. He is the son of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Cline) McMillan, the father born

July 18, 1829, on the same farm where the subject was born. The mother's birth occurred on June 23, 1833, in the state of New York. Grandfather Ephraim McMillan came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1806, and settled on the farm where his son, Ephriam, father of the subject, was born, lived and died, and here he began life as a pioneer, when the country was a wilderness and Indians and all kinds of wild game were in abundance. Here he built a log cabin, made a clearing and by dint of hard work had a good home and a good farm. He underwent the hardships and privations incident to the life of a first settler. He became prominent in the county and was highly regarded. His wife was known in her maidenhood as Matilda Winteringer, representing another pioneer family, of about 1810. These families were active in business, public and church and school affairs. They were the organizers of the Presbyterian church in Millwood.

Elizabeth Cline, mother of the subject, was of German descent, her family having first settled in the state of New York, and from there came to Union township, Knox county, in 1840. The subject's father became well-to-do here, and was one of the large land owners of this locality, and was a great sheep raiser. He was a Republican in politics and was always active in public affairs. He filled the various township offices, and was a member of the Presbyterian church. His death occurred on May 24, 1903, at an advanced age. His widow still lives on the old home farm. They were the parents of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, eleven of whom are living, namely: Matilda, who has remained single; Angeline is also unmarried; Sarah C. married Alexander H. Parmenter, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Robert lives in Union township; Columbus Delano died March 15, 1910; Joseph, of this review; Edith married Robert Neiderhouser, of Union township; Emma married Harry C. Whitney in Union township; Salora married Samuel Neiderhouser, of Union township; Alice is single; George lives in Union township; Ida married C. B. Workman, of Buckeye City.

Joseph McMillan was reared on the home farm and was educated in the common schools of his township. He remained with his parents on the home farm until he was married, on June 23, 1887, to Ida J. Workman, daughter of Hiram B. and Isabelle (Parmenter) Workman, a well known family of Union township, whither they came from Coshocton county, this state.

After his marriage the subject farmed for one year on the home farm, then moved to his present farm, two miles southeast, in Union township, and here he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He makes a specialty of thoroughbred Delaine sheep, and has a great repu-

tation throughout this part of the state for his fine animals. No better judge of live stock could be found in Knox county, and he takes a delight in handling them. His farm consists of one hundred and seventeen acres, well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has a modern home, large barns and stock sheds and is well fixed to carry on his business in a modern manner.

Three sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, namely: Chester E., who is a graduate of the Danville high school, is now a student in Kenyon College; Arthur H. and Ralph W. are students in the local high school.

Politically, the subject is a Republican, and he has been township trustee for six years. In 1910 he was land appraiser in his township As a public servant he has been most faithful in the performance of his duty. He and his family are members of the Disciples church, and he has long been active in church and Sunday school work, as are also the members of his family. They are well known and stand high in the social circles of this part of the county.

JOHN H. BONE.

One of the evidences of the excellent opportunities for a livelihood and for a pleasant place to reside furnished by Knox county is the noticeable fact that so many of her present day citizens were born here and have spent their lives within her borders. No other country has been alluring enough to induce them to leave it, for they seem to have early been impressed with the fact that none other offered better, if as good, opportunities as were within their grasp right at their own thresholds. One of these worthy citizens is John H. Bone, a successful agriculturist and stock man of Pleasant township, who was formerly one of the county's best known educators. In all the relations of life he has proven himself to be a man of progressive ideas and correct principles, and he has always enjoyed the confidence and friendship of a wide acquaintance.

Mr. Bone was born on January 15, 1859, in Miller township, this county, and he is the son of Moses C. and Martha (White) Bone, the father a native of Cornwall, England, his birth having occurred there on May 11, 1833. He was the son of John and Mary Ann (Colwell) Bone. Moses C. Bone grew to maturity in his native land and emigrated to America when twenty-one years of age, first settling in Gambier, Knox county, Ohio, where he worked at his trade of wagon-maker. From there he went to Lock, Ohio.

Two years later he moved to Miller township, this county, and engaged in farming, and there he still lives, his wife having died March 16, 1906, aged sixty-seven years, four months and seven days. He has been very successful here, and is a large land holder, being regarded as one of the foremost farmers of the county. He keeps his land well improved and tilled in the most up-to-date manner. There were nine children in his family, namely: John H., of this review, is the eldest; Lovilla C., born August 6, 1860; Burnello M., born February 29, 1864, died December 29, 1875; Mary Jane, born August 11, 1866; Frank E., born July 23, 1868; Alta A., born April 29, 1871; Charles C., born April 17, 1873; Anna Delle, born February 12, 1875; Martha A., born September 20, 1878.

The father of these children is a Democrat and is always keenly interested in public matters. He served six years as a member of the board of county infirmary directors. He is a member of the Christian church at Fairview. He has always borne an exemplary reputation, and is a whole-souled, strong-minded gentleman whom to know is to admire.

The son, John H., of this sketch, spent his childhood and youth on the home farm and attended the country district schools, later went to the normal school at Utica, Ohio; also went to school at Lebanon, this state. He was a diligent searcher after knowledge and became well educated. He began his career as a teacher, which profession he followed with ever-increasing success for a period of eight years.

Mr. Bone has been twice married, first on May 9, 1883, to Elizabeth Berger, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Berger, of Knox county. Nine children were born to this union, namely: J. Milton is married and lives in Wayne township; Ethel E. married Leonard F. Dennison, of Utica; Jessie E. and Mary B. are both teachers; Lucy E., John G., Ralph L., Helen S. and Gladys E. are deceased. The wife and mother passed to her rest on July 19, 1902.

Mr. Bone's second marriage was solemnized on February 23, 1905, to Viola I. Martin, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Martin, of Crawford county, Ohio. One child, Goldeth M., born to this union, died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Bone lived three years on a farm belonging to his father, in Miller township. He then bought his present farm in Pleasant township and moved thereto. Here he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, making a specialty of handling sheep. He keeps his place well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He is one of the leading citizens of his township in every respect. Politically, he

is a Democrat and takes an abiding interest in public affairs and is thoroughly informed on current topics. He has served as township trustee, township treasurer and as a member of the local school board. He has been a valued friend to education and is an avowed temperance man Fraternally, he is a member of Pleasant Grange No. 677, Patrons of Husbandry, and he has been active in the affairs of the grange. He is a member of the Fairview Christian church, having been affiliated with the same since he was about fifteen years of age. He is a member of the official church board and is active in church and Sunday school work. He is a man of fine mind and instincts, and always stands stanchly for what he believes to be right and what will make for the general good.

WILLIAM HAYES MITCHELL.

At this point we are permitted to touch upon the life history of one who, if for no other reason, merits recognition of his lifelong residence in Milford township and a representative of one of the sterling old families of Knox county. But superadded to this circumstances are others which render the appearance of this biography within these pages all the more consistent, for he attained a position of prominence in connection with the business activities of his community, and was honored as one of the upright, genial and reliable citizens, his home life being the center of a cordial hospitality.

William Hayes Mitchell was born in Milford township, this county, January 3, 1854, the son of Almon Mitchell and wife, a well known family of this county, a complete sketch of whom is to be found on another page of this work.

William H. Mitchell was educated in the township schools and reared on the home farm. In 1872 he was married, and then entered the mercantile business with his father-in-law at Lock, continuing the business alone after the death of his partner. He remained in this life of endeavor in all about thirty-seven years. His father-in-law had begun the business in 1854 and the family still conduct the store.

Politically, Mr. Mitchell was a Republican and served as township treasurer for a period of nineteen years, this certainly being evidence of his good standing in his locality, and he made a most faithful and efficient public servant. Both he and Mrs. Mitchell belonged to the Congregational church at Lock. Fraternally, he belongs to the Centerburg lodge of Free and Ac-

cepted Masons; he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at the same place.

Mr. Mitchell was married in 1872 to Ida Hildreth, who was born in Lock, this county, on September 2, 1856. She is the daughter of Washington and Harriet Hildreth. The father was born in New York and the mother in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1836. The father came to Ohio with his parents when a boy, but he lived with the Delano family for a number of years. He was the son of Minor and Nancy Hildreth, of New York. She died young and his father re-married. Mrs. Mitchell's mother, who was born in Delaware county, later moved to Brandon, Knox county, thence to Lock, where her death occurred.

Washington Hildreth was a merchant, having begun his career at Brandon in 1853, coming to Lock a year later, and he enjoyed a liberal trade there. In early life he taught school, later he clerked and then went into business for himself, and was successful all along the line. He was a public-spirited citizen and influential in his community, a man of exemplary habits and many warm friends. For about thirty years he served as postmaster at the town of Lock, giving eminent satisfaction to the department and to the people. Mr. Mitchell, the subject of this sketch, followed him as the incumbent of that office. The death of Mr. Hildreth occurred in January, 1902.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, named as follows: Winnifred Estelle, wife of Eugene Cornell; Minnie Belle, wife of C. C. Jackson; Hattie May, who lives at home; Anna Laura, who died in infancy; Arthur Hildreth married Mabel E. Hess, both of whom were graduated from the Mt. Vernon high school in 1905; Laurence Washington, who married Mildred McManus, is managing the store; Almon Maurice is a student in the Mt. Vernon high school. William H. Mitchell died January 30, 1910, after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and three sons.

ELMER J. BROWN.

The great task of clearing the land of its timber in early years can scarcely be realized by the people of today. Not a crop could be sown nor an orchard tree planted until the large trees, the patriarchs of the forest primeval, had been cut down and removed with fire or with a team of oxen or horses. Even then the stumps were a great hindrance, and it is doubtful

if so much as a half crop could be raised until they had been gotten rid of in some manner. The amount of hard labor required to remove the timber seems almost incredible. It was a task that seemed never to end, and all members of the family were required to assist early and late and at all seasons of the year. The ancestors of Elmer J. Brown had their full share of this work, for they invaded Knox county when it was still wild and the home of the Indian and various species of wild beasts; but they were men of sterling traits and never permitted obstacles to thwart them in their purposes, undergoing the hardships and privations incident to the life of a first settler in such a wilderness without a murmur and here carving out good farms and did their full share in the early development of the county, and their descendants have carried on most admirably the work that they inaugurated here.

Elmer J. Brown was born on October 20, 1865, in Wayne township, this county, and spent most of his life in Monroe and Pleasant townships. He is the son of Joseph and Anna (Scott) Brown, both also natives of this county. Grandfather William Brown came from Maryland to this county in the early pioneer days, where he established his home. The father of the subject was born and grew up to manhood in Monroe township, and he spent his life here engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1890, when he went to Effingham county, Illinois, and there engaged in farming. The mother of the subject died when he was a small boy. A brother of the subject, Harry M., is a dentist in Elwood, Indiana, and a sister, Mary E., is a professional nurse in Indianapolis, Indiana, the subject having been third in order of birth in this family.

Elmer J. Brown spent his youth on the farm, and he attended the district schools and later the Northern University at Ada, Ohio, taking the teacher's course. Thus well prepared for his chosen profession, he taught for a period of fifteen years in the public schools of Knox county, and became one of the leading educators of the county, his services being in great demand. His teaching was principally in Monroe and Pleasant townships. He also engaged some in farming during that period.

Mr. Brown was married on June 6, 1891, to Jennie C. Sellers, daughter of Frank and Frances (Durbin) Sellers, of Knox county, and this union has resulted in the brith of five sons, namely: Sterl C., a graduate of the Gambier high school of the class of 1910. He has prepared himself for a teacher. Ray, who is attending high school at Gambier; Paul C., Carl S. and Lloyd.

Mr. Brown has lived on a farm since his marriage, and in 1897 he gave up teaching and devoted his exclusive attention to general farming, making

a specialty of raising potatoes and chickens, making a great success with both. He has sixty-two acres of finely improved and productive land. He farms on the "intensive" plan, and employs the most advanced methods in all his work.

Politically, Mr. Brown is a Democrat and a member of the school board in Pleasant township. He has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a trustee and steward in the church and active in church and Sunday school work. Personally, he is a broad-minded, well educated and obliging gentleman, indorsing all movements having as their object the general improvement of his locality along all lines.

ISAIAH H. FRIZZELL.

One of the best known contractors of Knox county is Isaiah H. Frizzell, of Fredericktown, who, during the many years that he has honored this locality by his residence, has shown himself to be a gentleman of exemplary habits, public spirit and industry; who has, while advancing his own interests, done much toward promulgating the civic, industrial and moral tone of the vicinity. He is a thoroughly practical business man, which fact, coupled with his undoubted ability to seize an opportunity readily and make the most of it, contains the secret of his success.

Mr. Frizzell was born on January 22, 1855, in Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio. He is the son of William H. and Catherine (Hutchison) Frizzell, both natives of Virginia, the father born in Loudoun county and the mother in Fauquier county. They grew up in the Old Dominion and were married there. About 1846 they made the trip over the mountains in wagons to Ohio, settling on a farm in Middlebury township, Knox county, moving to Morrow county, this state, in a later year, where he spent the remainder of his life, successfully engaged in farming. He enlisted in the Union army early in the Civil war, but before he could be mustered into service he was attacked by typhoid fever and died on March 2, 1862. His widow survived thirty-six years, dying in June, 1896.

John Follin, maternal great-grandfather of the subject, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and the father of thirty children, some of whom lived until comparatively recent years. He was a Virginia slaveholder. His remains were originally buried in the cemetery at Vienna, Virginia, later being removed to Arlington cemetery at Washington, D. C.

Isaiah H. Frizzell spent his youth on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work on the place, attending the district schools in the winter time, following farming until he was nineteen years old. Having long fostered an ambition to be a builder, he began the carpenter's trade, when he attained the age mentioned, in Morrow county, later coming to Knox county on various jobs, soon building up an extensive business. He built most of the best residences and farm buildings in the northern section of Knox county, doing a vast amount of work in Fredericktown. So much of his work being in Knox county, he moved to Fredericktown in 1891, and here he has since resided. In January, 1892, he turned his attention to the hardware business, in which he met with equally encouraging success, in Fredericktown, becoming a partner of Henry Cassell, who had previously been in this line of business for a number of years. Mr. Frizzell continued successfully in the hardware business until 1909, having built up a large and ever-growing trade with the surrounding country and carrying a large and up-to-date stock of goods. Retiring from this line of endeavor in the year 1909, he resumed contracting and building, which he still continues.

Mr. Frizzell was married on September 26, 1877, to Ida T. Ackerman, daughter of Morgan and Julia (Reed) Ackerman, of Knox county, in Middlebury township, where Mr. Ackerman engaged in farming. He and his wife are both now deceased.

One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell, also three daughters, all living, named as follows: Maynard, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio; Alice married Orin C. Buckmaster, of Fredericktown; Grace married Karl R. Coyner, of Mt. Vernon; Ida married Frank Dalrymple, chief clerk of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Fredericktown.

Politically, Mr. Frizzell has always been a Republican and has long been active in party affairs. His first presidential vote was for Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876, and he has been voting the Republican ticket ever since. For many years he served on the board of education in Morrow county, prior to coming to Fredericktown, and since coming here he has served on the board of education, having always been interested in educational matters. He has served as a member of the Republican county central committee and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions, in all of which he has made his influence felt for the good of his community and the party. Fraternally, he is a Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he has filled many of the offices in these orders. He belongs to the Presbyterian church. He has discharged his every duty in an official capacity in an able and conscientious manner that has won the confidence and esteem of all concerned.

Mrs. Frizzell was called to her rest on March 15, 1891, and the subject now makes his home with his younger daughter, Mrs. Dalrymple, of Fredericktown.

GEORGE W. BENNETT.

He to whom this sketch is dedicated is a member of one of the honored old families of Knox county, and he has personally lived up to the full tension of the primitive days when the march of civilization was carried on admirably by the sterling band of settlers from the East, so that there is particular interest attached to his career, while he stands today as one of the representative citizens of the vicinity of Gambier, for his life has been one of hard work, which has resulted in the development of a good farm which he owns and which yields him a comfortable living. While giving his chief attention to his business affairs, as do the majority of men, Mr. Bennett finds time and opportunity to take an interest in matters pertaining to the progress and growth of his county, and to mingle with his friends, enlarging the circle of his acquaintance and broadening his mind through the interchange of thought with others.

Mr. Bennett was born on October 27, 1855, on a farm in Monroe township, one mile north of Gambier, Ohio, and he has been content to spend his life in his native vicinity. He is the son of John and Eliza (Conley) Bennett, the father a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, while the mother was born in Ireland, from which country she emigrated to America when young in years. Grandfather Thomas Bennett came with his family to Monroe township, Knox county, in 1828, when the country was practically a vast forest and neighbors were few. He came from Jefferson county, this state, and settled in the woods, building here a log cabin and starting a little clearing, and, step by step, forged to the front. The father of the subject also devoted his life to farming. He was a man of upright character and was highly respected in his neighborhood. His death occurred in October, 1893, his widow surviving until November 2, 1907; they are both buried in the cemetery at Gambier.

George W. Bennett was brought up on the home farm, and when but a lad was put to work on the farm during the crop season, attending the common schools in the winter time, and he remained at home until his marriage, October 3, 1882, to Sarah Louise Holmes, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Wasson) Holmes, a prominent family of Monroe township, this

county. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Helen G. married J. Clyde Smith, of Pleasant township, this county; Sarah Lena married John Cunningham, of College township; and Edna M., who is at home.

For a period of ten years after his marriage Mr. Bennett lived on a farm about a mile east of where his present farm is located. He came to this present home in August, 1892, and has lived here ever since, developing one of the best farms in the community. His place consists of one hundred and seventy-five acres and is well improved and well cultivated. In connection with general farming he raises a fine grade of horses and hogs, also sheep, and he has been very successful with his live stock, being especially interested in the improvement of the breed of horses.

Politically, Mr. Bennett is a Republican, and he has always been interested in public matters. In local politics he votes independently. He has served as justice of the peace and as a member of the school board of his district, and he has been a frequent delegate to party conventions. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has been a member of the board of stewards for more than twenty years and has for practically all his mature life been active in church and Sunday school work. He is a man of high ideals in his intercourse with his fellow men and his influence for better public conditions is potent, being an advocate of wholesome living and purity in politics.

ALVA B. DAVIS.

Inheriting the thrifty and frugal habits of a sturdy pioneer ancestry, it is little wonder that Alva B. Davis, well known cement builder and contractor of Danville, Knox county, has succeeded at his chosen life work. The people of the locality of which this volume treats have known him as a boy and man, and as his dealings with his fellow men have always been honorable they repose in him the most implicit confidence.

Mr. Davis was born on August 21, 1863, on a farm in Monroe township, Knox county, Ohio, and here he has been content to spend his life, knowing that no better opportunities were to be found in any other country. He is the son of Henry and Nancy (Snedeker) Davis, both parents born, reared and educated in Monroe township, this county, and here they married and spent most of their lives. The father was a miller by trade, and

is said to have been one of the best in this locality, so that for many years his services were in great demand. However, the latter part of his life was given over principally to agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis both died in early life, leaving five children, namely: Alva B., of this sketch; John B. lives in Licking county, Ohio; Jay is deceased; Earl lives in Mt. Vernon; Alice, deceased.

Alva B. Davis was reared on the farm where he began working when but a child, and during the winter months he attended the district schools, receiving such education as he could; however, being thrown upon his own resources early in life, he did not receive the advantage that one might desire in starting out in life, but he received valuable lessons from the "hard knocks" of youth, which have contributed in no small degree to his success later in life. When eighteen years of age he began the trade of stone mason, which he followed until 1905, becoming a very skilled workman. In that year he began the business of cement worker, building blocks and all kinds of cement construction, as well as all kinds of concrete construction. He has won the reputation of being a reliable contractor in every respect, and he is kept constantly busy turning out some important jobs continuously during the building season, many of the best buildings of this class in the county today being monuments to his skill as a builder. He also does a great deal of country bridge and culvert work.

Mr. Davis was married in June, 1899, to Mrs. Caroline Payne, daughter of Archibald and Mary (Devore) Parrish.

Mr. Davis lives in Howard township, one mile west of Danville, where he has a comfortable and attractive home. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he has always been active and interested in public affairs, but he has never been an aspirant to public offices. He is well informed on public matters, being a widely read man, and he is highly regarded both as citizen and business man.

EDWARD JACKSON.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch has long enjoyed prestige as a leading citizen of the community in which he resides, his prominence being the direct and legitimate result of genuine merit and ability. He is one of those optimistic men who look on the bright side of life, advocating that it is no use to complain at the rough places in the road, for he knows that life is a battle to all of us, in which the slothful, indifferent and lazy win no victories, but that the prize is to the strong of heart and the vigilant.

Edward Jackson, whose finely improved landed estate lies in Liberty township, Knox county, and who has been content to spend his life in his home country, was born on May 10, 1859, on a farm in the township in which he now resides. He is the son of John and Susanna (Litzenburg) Jackson, both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, he having come to Knox county, Ohio, when he was small with his parents, George Jackson and wife, early settlers in this part of the county. The Litzenburgs were also early arrivals, and each became influential in their community and well established. John Jackson devoted his life to farming and was a progressive agriculturist and a large land owner. He was one of the substantial and well known men of this part of the county, and active in the affairs of the Democratic party. He served as township treasurer and as township trustee. His death occurred in January, 1893. His widow, a woman of many beautiful traits of character, is still living at the advanced age of ninety-four years.

Two children were born to John Jackson and wife, Edward, of this review, and Ella, who married James McKinstrey, of Liberty township.

Edward Jackson was reared on the home farm and when but a boy assisted with the general work on the same. During the winter months he attended the public schools of his district. On February 12, 1880, he was married to Adelia Robertson, daughter of Jesse P. and Caroline C. (McCombs) Robertson, of Liberty township.

To the subject and wife four children have been born, namely: Carrie, who married Lester Kile, of Morrow county; Mamie, who married Clyde Thatcher, of Liberty township; Carl is taking a two-year course in agriculture at the Ohio State University; Hazel lives with her parents and is a student in the Mt. Vernon high school.

Mr. Jackson, since his marriage, has lived on his present farm in Liberty township, eight miles west of Mt. Vernon on the new Delaware road. His place consists of two hundred and twelve acres, which he has placed under a high state of improvement and cultivation, and he has one of the choicest, most fertile and desirable farms in Liberty township. In connection with general farming, he makes a specialty of dairying, handling a good grade of Jersey cattle, and he raises live stock of all kinds and is regarded as one of the prosperous and progressive farmers in this part of the county. He believes in adopting the most approved methods and never letting the grass grow under his feet. He has a splendid home and large, convenient outbuildings.

Politically, Mr. Jackson is a Democrat and he has been township clerk for a number of years and also was a member of the local board of educa-

tion, and in 1907 he was elected justice of the peace. For some time he served his township as a member of the Democratic county central committee and has been a frequent delegate to county and district conventions. He has been a most capable and faithful public servant, always having the interests of his community and county at heart. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Sparta Lodge. He and his family are members of the Advent Christian church. His family has long been prominent socially in the community.

Mr. Jackson is one of the representative citizens of Knox county and is a pleasant man to meet.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

The work of the farm is greatly relieved by varying it with stock raising and fruit growing. The growth of the cities has been so great—in other words, the growth of the nonproducers has been so great—that the products of the farm command a higher price than ever before. This is notably so with live stock. With present-day prices for his live stock, the farmer can make their raising pay him well for his labor. His work then will consist chiefly in growing the various grains and grasses necessary for the raising and fattening of his animals and in the proper marketing of the latter. Orchard and garden products may be grown as side ventures. Wheat may be raised for the price it will bring, the same with rye and barley. The growing of oats is an essential branch of farming because all draft animals thrive better on oats, especially in hot weather, than on other grain. One of the most up-to-date of the younger generation of farmers of Knox county who has made an intelligent study of farming with the best results in view is John Cunningham, of the Gambier vicinity, who successfully proves that a system of mixed farming and animal husbandry is necessary for the building up of the soil and for the largest net profits.

Mr. Cunningham was born on August 16, 1878, on his father's farm, one mile southeast of Gambier, and there he grew to manhood, assisting with the general work during crop seasons and attending the public schools of Gambier and the Kenyon Military Academy, also spent two years in Kenyon College, making an excellent record in each. He is the son of Robert P. and Laura Susan (Gaines) Cunningham, the father born in Harrison county, Ohio, and the mother in Howard township, Knox county. The father came to Knox county with his parents in 1851 when only one year

of age and settled in College township, where the family home have ever since remained, and there the parents of the subject reside today, having spent their lives engaged in agricultural pursuits, developed a good farm and established a comfortable home. The elder Cunningham has always been one of the leading stock feeders of his community, and a man of influence there. He has paid especial attention to sheep feeding, sometimes keeping from seven hundred to eight hundred in a flock, also fine cattle and hogs. He is the owner of one of the choice farms of the township, consisting of over three hundred acres of well improved and productive land, all under a high state of cultivation. He has long been regarded as one of the substantial and progressive agriculturists and stock men of the county. Politically, the elder Cunningham is a Democrat, but has never been an office seeker.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Cunningham, six of whom are living at this writing, namely: Mary, John, Richard G., of Toronto, Canada; Isabelle; Edith M., now the wife of Rev. John R. Stocker, of Cleveland, an Episcopal minister; James L.; Rebecca; Jacob B. died of membraneous croup at the age of four years, and two who died in infancy.

John Cunningham, of this review, has spent his entire life on the home farm, and he has met with encouraging success in his chosen life work. He was married, on June 3, 1908, to Sarah Lena Bennett, daughter of George W. and Sarah Louise (Holmes) Bennett, a highly respected family of Monroe township. This union has been graced by the birth of two children, a daughter, bearing the good old name, Sarah Louise, and a son named John Gordon Cunningham.

Young Cunningham is a member of the Ohio Corn Improvement Association and the Knox County Corn Improvement Association. He is now president of the state association and secretary of the local body. He has done much to make both potent factors in the lives of Ohio farmers, and his work in this connection has won him wide influence and respect. He has made a careful study of modern and scientific methods of agriculture, and has been of great influence in bettering conditions in his locality. He is an extensive corn and alfalfa grower. In the year 1910 he was awarded second prize in the yield per acre in the state corn growers' contest and he has first place among the corn growers of Knox county, and is the most extensive grower of alfalfa in this county. He devotes much attention to raising live stock and is a breeder of fine thoroughbred Percheron horses and all kinds of the very best live stock, having done much to improve the grades in this locality. He is a recognized authority on agricultural matters, lecturing be-

fore farmers' institutes, and what he has to say is always greatly appreciated and carefully considered.

Politically, Mr. Cunningham is a Democrat, and he has always been active in public matters. He has served as a member of the county board of elections for six years, and he is a member of and chairman of the Democratic county central committee and a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions, in all of which he makes his influence felt for the good of the party and his district. He is decidedly a man of affairs, broad-minded and progressive in all that the terms imply, and he is always alert to adopt all that is best in his line of work. He was his party's candidate for the state Legislature in 1904, and, although he made an excellent race, went down in the Republican landslide that swept the state.

Fraternally, he belongs to Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons, at Mt. Vernon, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 140, at Mt. Vernon. He belongs to the Episcopal church and is a vestryman in the same. His wife holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal church, and both are active in church affairs and are prominent in the social life of the community.

JOSEPH M. LARIMORE.

Among those in this part of Knox county who have built up a highly creditable reputation and have won the good will and confidence of their neighbors and acquaintances through right and honorable living is Joseph M. Larimore, a successful farmer and stock raiser near Lock. His prominence in the affairs of the community is conceded and his deeds will speak for themselves. Some men speak loudest by talking volubly and frequently, while others speak loudest by their actions. Mr. Larimore is not only able to express himself well when talking is needed, but also well qualified to carry into execution his thoughts. He is a strong factor in this community, where there are many men of sound sense and ripe judgment. He is a worthy descendant of our sterling pioneer element.

Mr. Larimore was born in Knox county, Ohio, September 5, 1846, and is the son of Isaac P. and Mary (Mantonya) Larimore. The paternal grandparents, James and Naomi Larimore, were natives of Jersey Mountain, Hampshire county, Virginia, and there they lived and died on a plantation. James

Larimore's grandfather was a native of county Down, Ireland, and when a boy he killed a rabbit; this being the king's, he was compelled either to serve seven years in the army of Great Britain or flee to America, so he voyaged to our shores and located at Jersey Mountain, Virginia, and there reared his family of fourteen children. Two of his brothers later came in search of him, one of whom finally settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the other in North Carolina. The southern branch of the family spell their names Lattimore and Lattimure.

The maternal grandparents of the subject were Joseph and Mary Mantonya. His father, probably named Joseph also, was a native of France, who, during the Revolution, was smuggled to America in an American ship, secreted in a hogshead, and here he worked as a cannon moulder, following that business for the United States government. After the close of our war for independence he became a contractor on our early canals. He came to Ohio to help on the Walhonding canal and here the family permanently located.

Joseph and Mary Mantonya were natives of Hampshire county, Virginia, from which they emigrated to Ohio in a very early day and located at Union Station, where he engaged in work on the canal; selling out when the canal was finished, he moved to Knox county and here he built one of the first saw mills, also one of the first grist mills in the country, and here he spent the balance of his life, about twenty-five years. He was a toolmaker by trade, making axes, chisels, etc.

Isaac P. Larimore, father of the subject, was born on March 10, 1821, on Jersey Mountain, Virginia, and there he grew to manhood. In 1844 he came to Knox county, Ohio, on horseback. His wife, Mary Mantonya, was born near Union Station, Licking county, Ohio, in 1829. She came to Knox county with her parents in 1834 and here grew to womanhood, met and married Mr. Larimore. The father of the subject devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, becoming the owner of about six hundred acres of valuable land, for years being regarded as one of the leading farmers and influential citizens of this part of the county. He was active in the affairs of the Democratic party and once made the race for sheriff of Knox county. He was a strong supporter of fairs, and was for many years president of the Hartford Agricultural Society. He was a local preacher in the Christian Union church. His family consisted of eleven children, five of whom are living. During the Civil war he was colonel of militia and did effective service in organizing local troops. He carried the title of colonel until his death, and was widely and favorably known. He died on March 2, 1905, his widow

surviving until March 11, 1909. He farmed on an extensive scale and made a specialty of Durham cattle.

Joseph M. Larimore, of this sketch, grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools, and early in life he took up farming for a livelihood, working for some time by the month, then farmed the home place for several years, then bought forty-three acres in Milford township; selling this he purchased a part of the home farm, and, having inherited a part, he thus had one hundred and fifteen acres, which he later sold. He is now the owner of one hundred and thirteen acres of fine land just west of Lock. He has placed it under high grade improvements and cultivation, and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, and, having laid by a competency, he has for some time been living retired.

Politically, Mr. Larimore is a Democrat and he has served his township as trustee and as constable. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

Mr. Larimore was married on May 12, 1867, to Rachael L. Spellman, a native of Knox county, where she grew to womanhood and received her education. She is the daughter of James and Sarah A. (Writesman) Spellman, he born on January 5, 1821, devoted his life to farming and is now deceased; his wife was born on September 30, 1823.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Larimore were Nathan and Martha Spellman, natives of Massachusetts, from which state they came to Ohio in a very early day. The maternal grandparents, Gabriel and Matilda Writesman, were natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Knox county.

To James Spellman and wife five children were born, two sons and three daughters, three of whom are living, namely: Albert; Lester, who died in infancy; Elizabeth A. is deceased; Mary J., and Rachael L., wife of the subject.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Larimore, namely: Bertha, Metie, Tessie, Charles, Lanton, Clifton, Cora and Jesse.

JOHN W. SWARTZ.

A happy combination of characteristics is possessed by John W. Swartz, farmer of Union township, Knox county, for he has shown through his lifelong residence here that he is a man of industry and integrity, sobriety and kindness; these, combined with his model home life and his willingness to

lend such aid as he can in furthering any public good, have brought him the good will and respect of his many acquaintances. Believing that better opportunities awaited him right here in his own community, he wisely decided to remain here, for the natural opportunities are to be found here by the diligent and earnest worker, and those who fail in tilling the soil here can, as a rule, blame no one but themselves.

Mr. Swartz was born in Knox county, January 6, 1859. He is the son of Ernest and Sophia (Dean) Swartz, both natives of Germany, the father born in 1817 and the mother in 1825. There they grew to maturity and were married, the father working for years as a coachman in the city of Hanover. The parents of Sophia Dean came to America about 1832 or 1833 and settled in Ohio, where the father found employment on the canal. Sophia Dean lived with her grandmother in Germany and there she and Ernest Swartz were married and in 1856 they emigrated to America, and located in the vicinity where her parents lived in Knox county, Ohio. Mr. Swartz was a day laborer and he arrived in the city of Cleveland without any money. So he left his family there and came on to Mt. Vernon and hunted up his wife's relatives, from whom he borrowed money with which to bring his family on to Knox county. He was a hard worker and economical and in a reasonable time he had saved enough to buy a farm here, owning sixty-five acres. His family consisted of three children, namely: Amelia, deceased; Sarah, and John W., of this sketch. Before coming to America Ernest Swartz served his allotted time as a soldier in the German army. His death occurred on his farm here in 1908, his wife having died in 1906.

John W. Swartz was reared on the home farm and received his education in the public schools. While still a young man he began farming as a renter. About 1897 he bought forty acres of the home place, to which he added forty acres more in 1904, a part of the Baker farm. Later he added thirteen and one-half acres of the Walters farm. His mother having willed him the rest of the home place, he now has a fine farm, which he has kept well improved and cultivated, and in connection with general farming he handles a good grade of live stock. He has a pleasant home and has built a large, convenient barn, one of the best in the community.

Politically, Mr. Swartz is a Democrat, but has little desire to be a public man. He is a member of the Maccabees, and he and his wife belong to the Baptist church.

Mr. Swartz was married in 1881 to Phoebe A. Garba, a native of Coshocton county and the daughter of Peter and Dorcas (Whitesill) Garba. The father was a soldier in the Union army and had the misfortune to be taken

prisoner and died in Andersonville prison. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swartz, namely: Sophia is the wife of Carl Dunmire; Frederick, Miller, Claud, Howard, Amelia, Elizabeth, Mamie and Thomas.

Peter Garba was born in Germany and his wife, Dorcas Whitesill, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and there they were married, he having emigrated to America when a young man. He was a farmer by occupation and finally became the owner of a good farm. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Garba, three of whom are living. After the war the mother re-married, her last husband being John Elfert. She died in 1874.

WILLIAM HENRY WAGNER.

It would indeed be hard to find in northern Knox county a more up-to-date, painstaking, progressive agriculturist than William Henry Wagner, whose well-kept landed estate lies in Middlebury township, in which he has been pleased to spend his life, wisely deciding, it would seem, that it were useless to follow the wanderlust spirit to other fields and new arenas of endeavor, for right here at home existed for such willing hands as his an unlimited field for advancement. He is the scion of one of the sterling old families of the county whose excellent record he has done nothing to depreciate in the eyes of the people of Middlebury and adjoining townships, for he has ever been an advocate of progress along not only material lines, but civic and moral as well, and he is therefore well deserving of the esteem in which he is universally held.

Mr. Wagner was born in the township in which he still resides on November 8, 1856, and is the son of Henry and Sarah Anne (Jeffries) Wagner. The paternal grandparents, George and Mary Wagner, were natives of Germany, the father having come to America as a "bound boy" and had to pay for his passage after reaching our shores. These parents located in Pennsylvania and there they were married, and in 1824 moved to Middlebury township, Knox county, Ohio, and secured a farm where Robert Martin now lives, and there they spent the balance of their lives, both being now deceased. The maternal grandparents, Parson and Sarah (Dickerson) Jeffries, were natives of New Jersey. He was a canal boatman a while and later in life came to Knox county, Ohio, and located in Wayne township, later moving to Middlebury township, where he bought land and there spent the balance of his days.

Henry Wagner, father of the subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1822 and the mother, Sarah Anne Jeffries, was born in Wayne township, Knox county, in 1825. Her death occurred on April 25, 1911. The father came to Ohio with his parents and here he was married and devoted his life to farming, becoming the owner of one hundred and thirty-two acres in one farm and seventy-five in another, and was a very successful farmer. Politically, he was a Republican and very active in party affairs. He served for some time as trustee of his township. His wife was a member of the Protestant Methodist church.

Six children, four of whom are living, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wagner, namely: George P., Mrs. Sarah E. Martin, William Henry, of this sketch; John L. The death of the father of these children occurred on May 16, 1903.

William H. Wagner was reared on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work when a boy and he received his education in the home public schools, and early in life he turned his attention to husbandry, which has continued to be his occupation. He and his brother George farmed the home place for two years, then the subject worked it on the shares for three years, then rented his present farm several years, buying half of it about 1883, the place then consisting of one hundred fifty-two and one-half acres, and, having prospered by hard work and good management, he purchased the balance of the place in 1900. In 1912 he bought more land, his father's home place of one hundred and thirty acres, well improved. In connection with general farming he raises live stock, being a breeder of Poland-China hogs. He has a modern, cozy and attractive dwelling and large, substantial outbuildings; in fact, everything about his place denotes thrift and good management. He has been very successful in a business way, and he is interested in the local telephone company.

Politically, Mr. Wagner is a Republican and has always taken an abiding interest in public affairs. He has been township trustee for six years. He and his wife are members of the Grange and also are members of the Baptist church, of Fredericktown.

Mr. Wagner was married on April 20, 1878, to Sarah E. McDonald, a native of Middlebury, Knox county, and the daughter of John and Hannah McDonald, a well known old family of this locality. To the subject and wife one daughter has been born, Anna Grace, who finished her education at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and is now the wife of Herbert E. Leedy, who farms on Mr. Wagner's place; was music supervisor for several years; they have two children, Russell Wagner Leedy, born June 27, 1910, and Ruth Elizabeth Leedy, born February 9, 1912.

The maternal grandmother, Mrs. Dickerson, was a physician, one of the early women practitioners of this country. Sarah E. McDonald's mother was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 28, 1819, and the father was born May 17, 1807, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents, Alexander and Hannah McDonald, were a well known early family, his people being of Scotch-Irish descent. The maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Reed) Fiddler. The great-grandparents were Nathan and Hannah Fiddler, the former born March 11, 1774, and the latter on April 3, 1773. The subject of this sketch has in his possession a journal of an ox team driver, while crossing the plains en route for California, via Independence, Larimie and Carson Valley, written in 1859, by an uncle, William Wagner, deceased, who spent the most of his life in California. The journal is bound in leather and has two hundred and sixty pages very nicely arranged and is written with his own hand very plain and easily read, with some illustrations. The book is highly prized.

SAMUEL T. VANNATTA.

As a citizen Samuel T. Vannatta, of Mt. Vernon, has always given his support to all measures for the public good, and his name has long been synonymous with honorable dealings in all the relations of life. As he has passed practically all his life in Knox county he has a wide acquaintance among its best citizens, many of whom are included within the circle of his warm personal friends. Some three score years have dissolved in the mist of time since he came to this part of the country, but during that time his integrity has never been questioned, nor has anything savoring in the least of dishonor ever attached to his name or reputation. He has always tried to measure up to the standard of correct manhood, and this locality is proud to number him among its progressive and representative men. He is now retired from active life and has a well-appointed home in the county seat, where he is passing his declining years in quiet and content.

Mr. Vannatta was born in New Jersey in 1835. He is the son of Peter Vannatta, and his mother was the daughter of Phillip Weller. Peter Vannatta was born in Warren county, New Jersey, and his death occurred in his native state when the subject was one year old. Phillip Weller came to Miller township, Knox county, about 1840 and became a wealthy and influential citizen. His death occurred at his home in Miller township in 1863. The mother of the subject came to Miller township, this county, from New Jersey, following

the death of her husband in 1841, and here she spent the balance of her life, dying in 1882. She was a member of the Christian church and a woman greatly beloved for her many good qualities.

Samuel T. Vannatta located with his mother on a farm in Miller township and obtained his education in the county district schools here. When of proper age he worked at farming on lands owned by his grandfather, Phillip Weller. Later purchasing a farm, he moved thereto and began life for himself and mother there. He managed well and closely applied himself and in due course of time had a good home and became one of the prosperous farmers and stock men of that township, adding to his original holdings from time to time until he became a large land owner, at one time owning five hundred acres in Miller township, also owned a farm in Monroe township, besides valuable real estate holdings in South Vernon, Dayton and Findlay, Ohio. He was very successful in whatever he turned his attention to, being a man of keen discernment, wise foresight and some judgment, and of such scrupulous honesty that he always enjoyed the confidence and good will of all.

Mr. Vannatta was married in 1862 to Lavina Hawkins, an estimable lady of Mt. Liberty, this county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hawkins, he a prominent stock dealer and wealthy farmer of Knox county. Her parents came here from Rockingham county, Virginia, in early pioneer days.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vannatta, namely: F. A., a successful farmer in Miller township until his death in July, 1908, married Isabelle West, daughter of Jay West and wife, of Miller township, and at his death he left a widow and three children, Blanche, Samuel and Charles. Charles O., the second son of the subject, is mentioned in a separate sketch in this work; Emeline, the daughter, married Calvin Forey, a prominent farmer of Pleasant township, and they have two daughters, Isabelle and Edith.

The wife and mother passed to her rest on May 15, 1903. She always enjoyed the friendship of a wide acquaintance and was a favorite with them, having numerous attributes of a most commendable nature.

Samuel T. Vannatta has all his life been a very active man of affairs. Besides his extensive private interests he has been an influential factor in public matters. Politically, he is a loyal Republican, and for a period of nine years he served as trustee of Miller township, one year as land appraiser and two terms as appraiser of personal property. In 1888 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners and re-elected in 1891, serving two terms, and he was president of the board both terms. During his incumbency of this office the viaduct at the foot of Main and Mt. Vernon streets was con-

structed, largely through his efforts, and it stands today as a monument to his public spirit and practical business sense. As a public servant he has always discharged his duties most faithfully and conscientiously, winning the hearty approval of all concerned.

In 1895 Mr. Vannatta left the home farm and moved to South Vernon, where he has since resided, maintaining there an attractive, modern and well kept home, enjoying the fruits of his former years of labor, a justly earned respite.

Few men have been more active in both public and private life and few are better known or more highly esteemed in Knox county than he. Personally he is a pleasant gentleman to know, cultured, well informed, broad-minded, charitable and obliging.

CHARLES O. VANNATTA.

In examining the life record of Charles O. Vannatta, one of the most substantial and progressive agriculturists and stock men of Miller township, Knox county, we find that he is the possessor of those elements which always make for success. Earnest labor, unabating perseverance, good management and a laudable ambition—these are the elements that have brought him a comfortable competence and the good will of his fellow citizens. His career has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for, like his honored father, he has ever transacted all business on the strictest principles of integrity, and, like him, his devotion to the public good is unquestioned and arises from a sincere interest in his fellow men.

Mr. Vannatta was born on January 12, 1869, on a farm in Miller township, where he now resides. He is the son of Samuel T. and Lavina (Hawkins) Vannatta, a complete sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume.

Mr. Vannatta was reared on the home farm and when of proper age assisted with the general duties there during the crop seasons, and during the winter months he attended the common schools near his home. This training was supplemented later in life by actual contact with the business world and by wide miscellaneous home reading and study.

On December 4, 1896, he was united in marriage with Maude Sperry, a lady of fine traits of character and the daughter of Newton and Laura (Thatcher) Sperry, one of the prominent early families of Knox county.

To the subject and wife six children have been born, named as follows: Olive E., Enos E., Anna L., Sperry Thomas, Fred M. and Frank A.

Mr. and Mrs. Vannatta have lived on the home farm since their marriage and have kept the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement. It consists of four hundred and fifty acres of as valuable and desirable land as the county can boast. In connection with general farming on an extensive scale, Mr. Vannatta raises all kinds of live stock, handling excellent grades and no small part of his annual income is derived from this source. He raises large droves of sheep, and is an excellent judge of all kinds of live stock.

Politically, Mr. Vannatta is a Republican, and has been more or less active in public affairs. He is at present serving as trustee of Miller township and he is a member of the school board of his township, and he has served as a member of the Republican county central committee, also as a member of the township election board. He has been very faithful in discharging his duties as a public servant and has won the approval of all concerned by his judicious course. Fraternally, he belongs to the Fairview Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, being a charter member of that organization. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church at Brandon. They are both well liked socially and number their friends only by the limits of their acquaintance.

WARREN T. PAIGE.

The early agriculturists of Knox county, Ohio, will ever be held in the grateful memory of the present generation and of the active young farmers of today. The husbandman who came here some three-quarters of a century ago and hewed from the dense forest a breathing place and erected for himself and adventuresome family of wife and children a rude log cabin, opening the country, then roadless and the home of the red man and many a species of wild beast, for the advance of a higher civilization, well deserves the respect which is accorded him after he has passed his allotted span of years and taken up his work on higher planes of endeavor, leaving to succeeding generations a heritage which is priceless. Of such sterling people sprang Warren T. Paige, one of Monroe township's successful farmers.

Mr. Paige was born on October 25, 1863, on a farm in Clinton township, this county. He is the son of James M. and Sarah Jane (Adams) (Scott) Paige, both born in Monroe township, Knox county, where they

spent their entire lives with the exception of four years in Clinton township. They each represented pioneer families and here they received such education as the early schools afforded and were married, spending their lives on a farm. Politically, the father was a Republican and active in public affairs. For a time he was trustee of Monroe township, but was not an office seeker, preferring to lead a quiet life, attending strictly to his own affairs. His death occurred on April 10, 1900, having survived his wife thirty-two years, she having preceded him to the grave on July 3, 1868. They were the parents of two sons, Warren T., of this sketch, and John W., who lives in Mt. Vernon.

Warren T. Paige was reared on the home farm, four miles northeast of Mt. Vernon, where he still lives, and there he has directed his life energies and has been repaid with a large measure of success, the place consisting of one hundred acres of excellent land, which he has kept well improved and well tilled and the buildings are in good shape.

The father of the subject was married a second time, his last wife being Catherine McKinney, of Monroe township, where she was born October 14, 1832, and she was reared and educated here, in fact has spent her life in her home community and is now making her home with the subject. Mr. Paige has never married.

Politically, Mr. Paige is a Republican and he has been active in public matters and a frequent delegate to party conventions. In 1907 he was elected trustee of Monroe township. He is not an office seeker, but always interested in whatever tends to the advancement of his community. He is a member of the Masonic order, having joined in Netawaka, Kansas, where he spent several years engaged in farming and the milling business. He returned to Knox county when his father died.

Mr. Paige is a man of strong convictions and he stands high in his community. He has been very successful in a business way and has accumulated a competency.

JOHN T. COLWILL.

Not a pretentious or exalted life has been that of John T. Colville, farmer and stock man of Monroe township, this county, but one that has been true to itself and to which the biographer may revert with feelings of satisfaction and respect. Having attained prestige by successive steps in the agricultural world, from a modest beginning, it is eminently fitting that a sketch of his life, together with an enumeration of his leading characteristics,

be given in this connection, as he is recognized as a man deeply interested in everything pertaining to the community along material lines. Having started in a lowly capacity, he has forged to the front from the old log cabin days, and by faithful service and prompt discharge of all duty devolving upon him he has become one of the representative men of his county.

Mr. Colwill was born on March 21, 1848, in Gambier, College township, Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of Simon and Anna (Heard) Colwill, both born in Cornwall, England, where they grew to maturity and were married, emigrating to America immediately after their wedding, coming direct to Gambier, Ohio, in 1835, where the father engaged at his trade of cabinetmaking and carpentering. In the fall of 1848 the family moved to a farm which they purchased on the border of Monroe and College townships, just north of Gambier; here the elder Colwill farmed during the crop season and worked at his trade of cabinet making in the winter. He established a good home here, in which he continued to reside until his death, in August, 1884, at the age of seventy-four years, his widow surviving until December, 1904, reaching the unusual age of ninety-four years. These parents belonged to the Episcopalian church at Gambier, and at her death Mrs. Colwill was the oldest member of this church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Simon Colwill nine children were born, namely: Mary Jane, deceased; William enlisted in the Civil war and died before his enlistment expired; Daniel was also a soldier in the Union army and he was killed at the battle of Stone River, Tennessee; Emma is deceased; Elizabeth Ann married Robert Hall, the latter being now deceased, and she is living in Pleasant township; John T., of this review; Emma L. married Ross Pumphrey, of Martinsburg, this county; Frances E. married Dr. A. D. Welker, of Gambier; Simon A. lives at Croton, Licking county, Ohio. Both parents of these children are buried in the cemetery at Gambier. Politically, the father was a Republican and he was always interested in public matters, but was never an office seeker, beyond several township offices.

John T. Colwill, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm and assisted with the work there in the summer time, attending the common schools in the winter, also the schools of Gambier. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. On May 7, 1881, he was married to Florence May Lyborger, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Brown) Lyborger, a prominent pioneer family.

Three children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Harry, deceased; William C. is married and living in Gambier; Clarence B. is married and is living with his father on the farm.

The subject has lived on this farm ever since he was married, the first six years being spent in a log cabin, near the site of his present modern and comfortable home. His place consists of one hundred and ten acres of excellent land, which he has kept well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, carrying on successfully general farming and stock raising.

Politically, Mr. Colwill is a Republican, as are both of his sons and they are all public spirited in that they lend such aid as is proper in furthering the interests of the community in a public way. He has served as road supervisor and as a member of the township board of education. He and his family are members of the Episcopal church and have always been active in church and Sunday school work, and the family stands high in the social life of the community.

L. H. BURGESS.

Milford township has no better known citizen than L. H. Burgess, one of the worthy native sons of Knox county and a connecting link with the pioneer epoch and the present, for here he has spent his useful and industrious life and has seen the county develop and so ordered his course as to commend the respect and good will of all.

Mr. Burgess was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, March 17, 1841. He is the son of William P. and Lydia G. (Plummer) Burgess. The paternal grandparents, William Burgess and wife, were natives of Frederick City, Maryland, where they lived and died, he being a large slave-holder and during the Civil war attempted to ship slaves to New Orleans, but his property was confiscated.

The maternal grandparents, Jesse and Ruth E. Plummer, were also natives of Maryland, from which state they came to Ohio in 1825 and here lived the lives of pioneers, developing a good farm on which they died. They were both Quakers.

William P. Burgess, father of the subject, was born in Maryland in 1794, and there the mother's birth also occurred. They were married in 1816, and in 1825 moved to Knox county, Ohio, and settled in Mt. Vernon, Mr. Burgess entering the mercantile business in that city and remained there until his death, on July 7, 1845. He was very successful in his chosen line and enjoyed the good will of all who knew him, being a man of integrity and industry. He took quite an interest in public affairs, and served at one time as mayor of Mt. Vernon. He was prominent in both municipal and church affairs. He was a stanch Methodist.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William P. Burgess, three of whom are living at this writing, namely: William Thomas lives in Wichita, Kansas; Ruth E. lives in Mt. Vernon; L. H. of this review; Louisa P., who was the wife of William T. Bristol, of Illinois, died January 8, 1912.

The immediate subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools and when a young man began farming, working by the month for a time, later renting land, and finally in 1863 he bought a farm of sixty acres in Morris township which he sold a year later and bought in Milford township a farm of seventy acres. Since then he spent two years in Iowa and Kansas, and he is now the owner of eighty-two acres in Milford township, which he has kept well improved and well cultivated, carrying on general farming and stock raising, and for a period of twenty-five years he was widely known as a breeder of Poland-China hogs, though he has discarded that line of business. He has a good home and is very comfortably situated. Politically, he is a Republican and has held a number of the township offices, always with much credit.

Mr. Burgess was married in 1863 to Emily M. Beardslee, who was born on the farm now owned by the subject and here she grew to womanhood and received her education. She is the daughter of Platt G. and Mary M. (Miller) Beardslee, old settlers here. Her paternal grandfather, William Beardslee, came to Knox county in 1812 among the pioneers. He lived two years at Granville, Licking county, then moved to Milford township, this county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, namely: William B., Jessie (deceased), Orrel (died November 5, 1911), Lola and Erma.

J. EDWARD BELL.

It is an excellent thing to be born to great wealth, like a Vanderbilt, but it is also an excellent thing to be born to a good name. When ancestors through many generations have lived useful lives and have made a splendid name for themselves by devotion to duty and honor, it is one of the brightest inheritances that can be left to descendants. And so the families that had ancestors in the Revolution or in the service of the country many years ago boast of such services and found organizations of the descendants with the record of their fathers for the foundation stone. And so descendants of families that came to the wilderness of Ohio and carved refined and Christian homes from the primeval wilds may well boast of the deeds of their fathers

and mothers who conquered the woods and made the soil blossom with the flowers of industry and peace. J. Edward Bell, farmer and stock man of Hilliar township, Knox county, had such ancestors.

Mr. Bell was born on February 12, 1865, on the farm, three miles northwest of Centerburg, where he has always lived. He is the son of Hiram and Mary Ann (Hughes) Bell, the father born near Utica, Licking county, and the mother on a farm in Clay township, Knox county. The father spent his boyhood in his native county, coming to this county in early life and he and his wife settled in the spring of 1864 on the farm in Hilliar township, where their son, J. Edward, now lives, and there they continued to reside. This farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres, has always been regarded as one of the best in the community. The father was a progressive farmer for his day and became an influential citizen here, active in Democratic politics, and he held local offices with credit, such as that of township trustee. His death occurred on July 6, 1900. His widow survives.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bell, one of whom died in infancy; besides the subject, Florence is living, being the wife of J. M. Ervin, of Columbus, Ohio.

J. Edward Bell spent his childhood and youth pretty much as the average farmer boy, and he received his education in the common schools. He was married on October 2, 1886, to Mary Taylor, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Ann (Bradfield) Taylor, of Morrow county, Ohio, and to this union two sons have been born, Ray C. and Jay M., both at home.

For fourteen years after he was married, Mr. Bell operated a rented farm of one hundred acres, lying north of his father's farm, and at the death of the father the subject bought all the interests in the home place, and moved there and this has continued to be his place of abode. He has kept the old place so well cultivated that it has retained its original fertility and has yielded abundant crops from year to year. He has kept it under a high state of cultivation and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and has a good home and a competency as a result of his close application and good management. He has also purchased the farm which he rented for fourteen years when he first started out in life, and in addition to this another tract, all adjoining, making in all a most excellent farm of two hundred and ninety acres. But notwithstanding this large amount of productive land, Mr. Bell is not an extensive crop raiser, producing only enough to properly feed his flocks of sheep and other stock. He has long been one of the largest sheep raisers in this part of the state. His Delaine sheep are greatly admired by all who see them and because of their superior quality they find a very

ready market when offered for sale, and they are known to be great wool producers. His home is one of the most attractive in Hilliar township.

Mr. Bell is a thoroughly progressive man in all that the term implies, adopting whatever measures, through investigation, prove to be the best. Politically, he is a Democrat, but is not a partisan, being an independent voter, supporting candidates and measures instead of parties. He has never been an office seeker. Fraternally, he is a member of the Centerburg Knights of Pythias lodge.

JOHN F. WOODRUFF.

It is always a great comfort and gratification to descendants to be able to affirm that their parents, and, in fact, all of their ancestors were people of exemplary habits and always lived respectable and honorable lives. On the contrary, what a strange sensation a high and excellent man must have to know that his father was always considered by his neighbors and friends as a man of low and mean instincts and of dishonorable practices. The parents of John F. Woodruff and their ancestors led such sterling lives that it seems nothing but good results have flown from their life works and they have left behind them inheritances of good deeds and honorable characters such as their descendants may be proud of, their influence having been very strong for upright living in the home and public life, and they were persons of intelligence and steady industry.

Mr. Woodruff was born on September 25, 1863, on a farm four miles east of Utica, in Washington township, Licking county, Ohio. He is the son of Calvin and Emiline (Cox) Woodruff, both born in Clay township, this county, each representing excellent pioneer families. Here they grew up, received their education in the early schools of their community and were married and here they have spent their lives engaged in agricultural pursuits, the father still living, making his home in Eden township, Licking county, having left Clay township, Knox county, in 1862. His wife also survives. Four sons have been born to them, namely: John F., of this review; Hiram C. lives in Cleveland; William W. lives with his parents; Andrew J. is deceased.

John F. Woodruff was reared on the home farm and there he assisted with the general work when of proper age. He received his education in the public schools and the high school at Martinsburg, and the Utica Academy. He lived with his parents until his marriage, on December 31, 1891,

to Laura Moody, daughter of Elisha W. and Allie (Jewell) Moody. The father is now living at Centerburg, this county. Four children have been born to the subject and wife, named as follows: Allie, Emma, Harry G. (deceased) and John J.

After his marriage Mr. Woodruff located in Washington township, Licking county, and in 1896 he moved to Martinsburg, and there maintained his home until the spring of 1898 when he moved to his present farm in Morgan township, which consists of three hundred and sixty-seven acres, which comprises as good land as this part of the county can boast, and which has received his careful, painstaking attention until it now ranks with the best farms in the locality, being under a high state of improvement and cultivation, and here he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and feeder. He has a pleasant home and large, convenient barns and other buildings, and is well established in every respect.

Mr. Woodruff is a Democrat and has always been active in party matters, a friend of education, an advocate of good roads and of everything that contributes to a country's betterment. He has ably served as township trustee and as a member of the board of education for ten years. He is a member of the Democratic county central committee, and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions, in all of which he has made his influence felt for the good of the community and the party. Fraternally, he belongs to the Morgan Grange No. 829, Patrons of Husbandry, and is active in its affairs. He and his family are members of the Disciples church, having long been active in church and Sunday school work, and they stand high in all circles in the community.

HENRY GRUBB.

This venerable native son of Knox county is one of the few remaining links in the chain that connects the present age to a period long buried in the mists of the past, and he has been a witness to the development of this locality from the virgin forests to its present prosperous condition as one of Ohio's most advanced and enlightened counties. Homes and villages have sprung up on every hand since his father, the first Grubb to make his advent in this section, cast his lot here eighty-two years ago. Since then forests have disappeared before the axe wielded by the strong arm of the woodsman; farms, with fertile, well-tilled fields, fine orchards, comfortable homes, im-

posing public buildings and all the adjuncts of civilization, have taken the place of the tangled wilderness which sheltered numerous beasts of prey and, at no very remote period, the painted savage. The music of traffic, mingled with the notes of ceaseless industry, make melody where once the solitudes were broken at intervals by the scream of the ferocious wild animal or disturbed by the symphony of the breeze, the dirge of the winter storm, or the blasts of the summer tornado. It is interesting to hear the subject recall reminiscences of early days in Knox county and to note the steps in her advancement in which he played no inconspicuous part in his community, for he was always ready to do his full share in the march of civilization as here inaugurated by the sturdy first settlers.

Henry Grubb, well known farmer of Monroe township, was born in Pike township, this county, on December 4, 1834, and here he has been content to spend his long and useful life. He is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Broombaugh) Grubb, who came from Hagerstown, Maryland, about 1830, driving in an old-fashioned covered wagon through the defiles of the Alleghany mountains into the wilderness to the westward. They located in Pike township, this county, here built a log cabin, began clearing a place in the woods and, in due course of time, had a good home and a productive farm, in connection with which the father operated a tannery for a number of years. He became one of the substantial and influential men of his township, taking an active interest in public affairs, and here he spent the remainder of his life, died and is buried here.

Henry Grubb grew up on the home farm, which he helped develop from the woods when he became of proper age. He knew the meaning of hard work when quite young and he took to farming naturally, making this vocation his life work. He received such education as the early times afforded in the district schools here. He worked on his father's farm until his marriage, on November 27, 1856, to Mary Ann Jeffries, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Beck) Jeffries, an early pioneer family of German origin, her parents having settled first in Stark county, later moving to Knox. Jacob Jeffries was a soldier in the Civil war.

Four children were born to the subject and wife, namely: J. Wilson lives in Monroe township; Celestia A. is at home; Charles M. lives at Centerburg, this county; Daniel B. lives in Mt. Vernon.

After his marriage Mr. Grubb lived two years in Pike township, then moved to Morris township where he lived seventeen years, then came to Monroe township and bought a farm five miles northeast of Mt. Vernon. He has one hundred and seventeen acres of excellent land which he has

brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation where he has carried on general farming and stock raising in a manner that has brought substantial rewards from year to year.

Mr. Grubb has always been a Democrat politically, but never an office seeker, although interested in public matters; however, he served as township trustee for several years and as a member of the township school board. He and his family are members of the German Baptist church.

In addition to general farming, Mr. Grubb has been extensively engaged as a horse raiser and a breeder of fine horses, especially; however, he has raised all kinds of live stock, there being few better judges of stock in this county. He is an especial admirer of good horses.

Mr. Grubb is a man of old-fashioned ideas regarding hospitality and strict honesty and he is therefore worthy of the high respect in which he is held throughout the county.

WILLIAM LEGRAND GORSUCH.

Among the progressive farmers and representative men of Jackson township, Knox county, deserving of special mention in a historical work of this nature is William Legrand Gorsuch, one of the connecting links with the pioneer epoch and one of the county's worthy native sons, a man who has lived a life of industry and well defined purpose, and while laboring for his individual advancement he has not neglected to assist in the general upbuilding of the community.

Mr. Gorsuch was born in this county on February 18, 1847. He is the son of William and Mary (Dudgeon) Gorsuch. The paternal grandfather was a native of Scotland, and it is probable that his wife was a Scotch woman. They came to Knox county, Ohio, very early and located in Harrison township and there the father of the subject was born. The maternal grandparents, Simon and Nancy (Elliott) Dudgeon, were also of foreign blood, he having been a native of Ireland, and it is believed that she was a native of the Emerald Isle also. Early in life Mr. Dudgeon emigrated to New York, and he was married in Pennsylvania. About 1814 they moved to Knox county, Ohio, when this country was a wilderness and neighbors were few, and here he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, and developed a good farm in Harrison township, where he spent the rest of his life, becoming one of the large land owners of his day,

the possessor of about seven hundred and twenty acres. He was one of the influential men of the county in its early history. Many of his descendants still live in Harrison township about the old homestead. There the mother of the subject was born, in fact, lived and died in the same house that heard her earliest infant cry. The parents of Mr. Gorsuch were reared in Harrison township and there attended school and were married. Mr. Gorsuch was a successful farmer, and he died early in life. He had but one child, a son, William Legrand, of this review.

After his father's death the mother married Moses Schooler, by whom two children were born, Elliott and Minerva Schooler, the latter being now the wife of a Mr. Davis. The mother of the subject continued to live at the old home until her death, on December 9, 1902, lacking a few days of being seventy-five years old.

William L. Gorsuch was reared on the home farm and he received his education in the old log school house of his district. He remained under his parental roof-tree until he was twenty-one years of age, when, in 1869, he went to Iowa where he made his home for a period of twenty-five years, working three years on a farm and twenty-two years at the carpenter's trade, being a very skilled workman. He returned to Ohio and was married, in June, 1895, to Mary Laughery, a woman of Irish descent, the daughter of James and Ruann (Meeks) Laughery, old settlers of Knox county, of which he was a native and she was born in Muskingum county.

The wife of Mr. Gorsuch was one of a family of six children, two of whom are deceased, she having been the fourth in order of birth; those living are: James, of Harrison township; Mrs. Elizabeth Melick, now a widow, lives in Jackson township; Mary, wife of Mr. Gorsuch of this sketch; Mrs. Nancy Ann Robinson, who lives in Coshocton county. The union of the subject and wife has been without issue.

Mr. Gorsuch is a Socialist in his political faith, and he was the only supporter of this party in his township for two years. While living in Iowa he served two terms as assessor, in Ringgold county. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Iowa. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Gorsuch bought a farm in 1904 of thirty-seven and one-half acres. To this he has added thirty-four acres, all in Jackson township. He also owns a house and lot in Clay township. He is a general farmer and stock raiser, making a specialty of sheep, cattle and Berkshire hogs. His land is well improved and he has a very valuable farm and a good home.

OSCAR RANSOM.

It is interesting to note from the beginning the growth and development of a community, to note the lines along which progress has been made and to take cognizance of those whose industry and leadership in the work of advancement have rendered possible the present prosperity of the locality under consideration. Oscar Ransom, well known contractor and builder of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is one of those strong, sturdy individuals who has contributed largely to the material welfare of the city and community in which he has spent his life, being a progressive and public spirited citizen in all that the terms imply, and for a number of years he has been a potent factor in promoting its progress along all lines, consequently his name well deserves a place in the record of the county's representative citizens.

Mr. Ransom was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, June 9, 1849, the son of Henry and Ellen (Upfold) Ransom, both born in England, from which country they came with their parents when young to Gambier, Knox county, Ohio. The father was a mason contractor and after his marriage came to Mt. Vernon and followed his trade in this and surrounding towns during his active life. He superintended the construction of the present court house and during his years of activity built many of the best business blocks and residences in this and surrounding counties. He was a man of fine business qualities and strong character. Many matters were referred to him, owing to his remarkable faculty for remembering facts and dates. His death occurred on October 19, 1895, his widow surviving until in April, 1903; both are buried in Mound View cemetery, Mt. Vernon. In their family were four sons, three of whom learned the trade and followed the calling of their father.

Oscar Ransom, of this review, grew up amid these environments, so he took quite naturally to his vocation. He attended the Mt. Vernon public schools, but when sufficiently advanced to enter the high school, he left his books to become a producer for the family. His first employment was as a clerk in the dry goods store of Mark Curtis, with whom he remained four years, but he turned from this line of endeavor to take up the trade of mason under his father, and he soon became an expert workman, and in the spring of 1878 he engaged in the business for himself and has since continued as a contractor, having erected many of the factories, business buildings and private residences in this and surrounding counties and towns. He did the first job of brick street paving in Mt. Vernon and he built the first public sewer in the city. In the spring of 1907 he added to his business a full line of building supplies such as wooden mantels, tiling of all kinds, grates and

ornamental work, many of them being of his own designing, and he is the only person in the city handling such a line, his place of business being at No. 105 West Gambier street. In his stock can be found most extensive and high class equipment for fine homes and buildings in general of any house in this part of the country. He has been very successful as a business man accumulating a competency through hard work and good management.

Mr. Ransom was married on August 10, 1870, to Mary E. Plummer, daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Walters) Plummer, of Mt. Vernon. Her father has been deceased for several years, but the mother is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Ransom four sons have been born, one of whom died in early youth from an injury received while coasting with a sled. Those living are: Harry, who is married and lives in Mt. Vernon; Rolland J. is single and lives at home; Charles Edward is married and lives in Canton, Ohio. These children were all educated in the Mt. Vernon public schools and when old enough learned the trade of brick mason and have been associated with their father in business.

Mr. Ransom has always been a Republican in politics and while always interested in public affairs and well informed on matters of political and general import he has never sought office. He has an attractive and substantial home at No. 513 East Chestnut street, one of the best residence sections of the city. The house is modern in all its appointments and is well furnished and known as a place of hospitality to the many friends of the family. Four generations of the Ransom family have learned the mason trade in Mt. Vernon.

FRED C. BISHOP.

One of the well known business men of Centerburg, Knox county, is Fred C. Bishop, a man of sound judgment and far-seeing in what he undertakes and without an exception every enterprise to which he has addressed himself has resulted in success. He possesses concentration of purpose and a tireless energy, keen foresight and the rare executive ability that overcomes all restraint and accomplishes the purposes for which intended. To these qualities may be added scrupulous integrity, honesty and uprightness in all dealings with his fellow men and an honor in keeping with the ethics of business life, while behind all and controlling all are the commendable principles embodied in the Golden Rule, without which no man, how great his wealth and however distinguished his name, can be truly successful.

Mr. Bishop was born in Centerburg, this county, on January 3, 1878. He is the son of Charles L. and Addie (Harmer) Bishop, both born in Knox county, each representing excellent old pioneer families and here they grew to maturity, received their education and married, and they are still living, making their home in Centerburg. The elder Bishop devoted the earlier years of his life to farming, but in 1876 he moved to Centerburg and engaged in the lumber and milling business, handling all kinds of builders' supplies, also coal, enjoying a large trade and managing these lines successfully until 1897, when he was succeeded by his son, Fred C., of this review. After that the father engaged in various pursuits for some time, but is now living retired.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bishop, two sons and one daughter, namely: Fred C., of this sketch; Harry C., who is engaged in mining in Colorado, and Ethel, who married Guy Hulse, of Galion, Ohio. The Harmer family have long been prominent in business and public affairs of Hilliar township, this county, he being one of the prominent men of this part of the county.

Fred C. Bishop, of this review, has spent his entire life in Centerburg, and here he received his education in the public schools, and was graduated from the high school in 1894. He immediately went into the flouring mill of his father, which the latter was operating in addition to his lumber yard. In 1898 the son purchased the lumber business of John Jeppesen, who had purchased the same only two years previously from the subject's father, and since 1898 Fred C. has continued to operate the business, to which he has since added cement block manufacturing, the latter having assumed large proportions. His is the only lumber and builders' supply concern in Centerburg, and he enjoys a large and constantly growing business. He handles everything in the building line except hardware.

Mr. Bishop was married on May 28, 1902, to Frances W. Waldorf, daughter of William and Eva (Messmore) Waldorf, a highly esteemed family of Centerburg. Mr. Waldorf is still living, but his wife died when their daughter, Frances W., was a child. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, a son and a daughter, Dorothy, aged eight, and Dallas, now three years old.

Politically, Mr. Bishop is a Republican, but although always interested in public affairs, he has never been active. Fraternally, he is a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 422, Free and Accepted Masons, being past master of the same. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he being a member of the building committee of the same, and he has

been one of the principal factors in securing the fine new church edifice, which this congregation is now erecting. He is also a member of the official board of the church, and is active in church and Sunday school work.

Mr. Bishop is a public-spirited, industrious, obliging and genial gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

HARVEY SYLER.

In the township in which he has lived the best part of his life, Harvey Syler, well known grain dealer of Ankenytown, Knox county, is favorably looked upon as an upright citizen and as an industrious business man whose success is well deserved, for he realized early in life that the goal of prosperity is never reached by the indolent and slothful, by the man who sits idly by waiting for something to turn up, but that if he was to do anything worth while he would be compelled, Don Quixote-like, to get out and stir up something for himself, so, deciding upon a legitimate course of action, he has never waited or hesitated and thus while yet young in years he has secured a solid footing in the world of business, with bright prospects for the future, being in partnership with his brother, Ross Syler, under the firm name of Syler Brothers.

Harvey Syler was born in Geauga county, Ohio, August 30, 1886. He is the son of Harvey and Josephine (Luke) Syler, both of whom were born in Ohio. Here they were married and began life on the farm, Mr. Syler becoming an extensive stock buyer, and in 1910 he moved his family to Ankenytown, where he still resides, having a very pleasant home here. He is still engaged in buying and shipping live stock.

Eight children have been born to Harvey Syler, Sr., and wife, all of whom are living, Harvey of this review being the eighth in order of birth. Politically, the father is a Republican, and his wife belongs to the German Reformed church.

Harvey Syler, of this review, was educated in the public schools of Walnut Creek and in Wooster College, attending the latter several years. He started in life for himself by engaging in the warehouse business in Sugar Creek for one year, then, in 1907, he came to Ankenytown and built an elevator here which he has continued to operate successfully to the present time, enjoying a large and constantly growing business in partnership with his brother, Ross, as stated in a preceding paragraph; the latter, however,

operates the elevator at Climax, Ohio, which he and the subject purchased on October 1, 1911, and they also do a large business in that vicinity, buying and shipping all kinds of grain.

Harvey Syler has remained unmarried. Ross Syler was married in 1907 to Edith Spahr, a native of Tuscarawas county.

Politically, the subject is a Republican and in religous matters he belongs to the United Brethren church.

JOHN BROWN.

It is the pride of the inhabitants of this country that when the great Civil war closed all the vast army of citizen soldiery quietly laid down their arms and returned to the pursuits of peace. It was predicted by the governments of Europe, not only that the country would be divided, but that after the war an enormous army would be kept up and a military dictatorship be established on the fragments of perhaps every state Foreign nations did not understand the spirit of the people of this country, that is, the spirit of the people in all of the free states. They could not understand how we had come to love the name of liberty and be willing to sacrifice blood and treasure to save a country founded upon the rock of freedom. In view of these misguided ideas, the most of the foreign nations stood ready to pounce upon the fragments when the smoke of war had rolled away. But they beheld a splendid spectacle instead; they saw the great armies melt away, saw a reunited country in which liberty was a fact as well as a name, and saw the soldiers return to their farms, mills, shops and various other vocations.

One of the gallant boys in blue thus to return was John Brown, for many years a well known farmer of Wayne township, Knox county. He was born on June 17, 1844, on Jamaica Island, near Falmouth. His parents were Andrew and Catherine (Dexter) Brown, the father of Scotch blood and the mother of English descent, her father having been Captain William Dexter, of the English army. The subject's father went to Jamaica as a young man, having been employed there by an English company, and while there he was married and for many years engaged in operating a plantation. In January, 1855, he came to the United States with his family, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, from there proceeding to Wayne township, Knox county, some friends having preceded them to this locality from Jamaica.

The father purchased a farm two miles southwest of Fredericktown and engaged in farming, his place consisting of over one hundred acres. He was a sturdy Scot, honest, industrious, and of decided convictions and firm opinions. His death occurred in February, 1876, his widow surviving until in June, 1882; both are buried at Fredericktown. They were the parents of five sons and two daughters, namely: John, of this review; William, of Black River, New York; Robert lives in Fredericktown; James lives in Wayne township; Thomas lives in Arkansas; Sarah is deceased; Catherine lives in Fredericktown.

John Brown, of this sketch, was sent, with his brother, William, when the former was eight years of age, to Scotland for school privileges; these brothers remained in Scotland several years, finally coming to America to join their parents in Knox county, Ohio, and after coming here John attended the district schools and the schools of Fredericktown. He assisted his father on the home place. In May, 1864, he proved his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served very faithfully for one hundred days, until in September, 1864, under General Butler on the James river, seeing considerable active service during that brief period. Returning home from the army, he remained on the farm until the spring of 1870, when he moved to Vernon county, Missouri, where he engaged in farming, remaining there until 1882, and during that period was married, in April, 1875, to Alice Heskett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Heskett In 1882 he returned to Wayne township, Knox county, Ohio, and here he has remained to the present time, successfully engaged in farming. His wife died in October, 1882, soon after coming to Ohio. Two children, a son and a daughter, were born to this union, Catherine, who married William Gallagaugher, lives on the farm with Mr. Brown; Clarence lives in New York City.

Mr. Brown owns a well-improved and very productive farm of one hundred and five acres one and one-half miles southwest of Fredericktown, where he carries on general farming and stock raising. He has a good home and his place is well stocked.

Politically, Mr. Brown is a Republican and he has long been active in public affairs. He has served as constable of Wayne township and for seven years was trustee of this township, and after an interval of five years he was re-elected to that office and again re-elected in the fall of 1911, being still the incumbent of the same. While in Missouri he was a member of the board of education in his district. He is regarded as a most able and

conscientious public servant. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has filled all the offices of the local post, taking much interest in the same. He is a member of the Fredericktown Presbyterian church. He is a man of exemplary character and stands high with those who know him.

JASPER VAN HORN.

In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their way to success through unfavorable environment we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which not only can endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The gentleman to whom the biographer now calls the reader's attention was not favored by inherited wealth or the assistance of influential friends, but in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and wise economy, he has attained a comfortable station in life.

Jasper Van Horn, of Centerburg, Hilliar township, Knox county, for many years one of the best known educators in this section of the state, later a progressive agriculturist and civil engineer, which vocations at present claim his attention, was born September 25, 1855, in Danville, this county. He is the son of William and Lucinda (Robinson) Van Horn, the father a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and the mother of Knox county, Ohio, her family being among the early pioneers, having located here when the country was covered with primeval woods, when settlers were few and the Indian still hunted in the forest's depths, and when wild game was in abundance, and here the Robinsons became well known and influential in the affairs of the community. William Van Horn was also an early settler of Knox county, having come here from Virginia in 1836 as a young man, his father having died when he was very young. He had learned the carpenter's trade back in the Old Dominion, and this he followed for years after coming to Knox county, in connection with farming. Politically, he was a Democrat in early life, later supporting the Republican party. He led a quiet life and was never an office seeker. He was a member of the Christian church, as were also his wife and family. His death occurred on June 9, 1888, his widow surviving until March 15, 1905. Both are buried in the cemetery at Danville. They were excellent people and had the respect of a wide circle of friends.

Jasper Van Horn, of this review, spent his boyhood on his father's

farm, where he worked during the summer months, and in the wintertime he attended the district schools, later attending school in Mt. Vernon; but his higher education has been obtained by personal application, having ever been a student and a close reader of miscellaneous literature. In 1876 he began teaching in the country district schools and followed this line of endeavor for a period of twenty-seven years, during which time he became one of the best known teachers in this locality, his services being in great demand, for he gave the utmost satisfaction to both patron and pupil, being both an entertainer and an instructor in the school room and employing advanced methods. In 1887 he began teaching in the schools of Danville, continuing there for four years, and in 1895 he came to Centerburg as principal of the high school, which position he held with his usual satisfaction for a period of eight years. In 1903 he retired from teaching, much to the regret of the public, and turned his attention to farming and civil engineering. He has been the local engineer on the state road work in Hilliar township and is also the state inspector of the construction work, and he has proven to be a faithful as well as efficient official, performing his every duty in a most satisfactory manner. He also has an excellent farm in Hilliar township which receives much of his attention and which he keeps well improved and well tilled.

Mr. Van Horn has been twice married, first, on January 9, 1879, to Laura R. Howell, daughter of Craven and Amy Howell, an old family of Loudoun county, Virginia. To this union five children have been born, namely: Bulah, Arthur L., Ethel, Lula and Wilbur, all single at this writing. The wife and mother passed to her rest in September, 1898. On June 10, 1902, Mr. Van Horn was united in marriage with Mrs. Della (Ramey) Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Ramey, of Morrow county, Ohio, a highly respected family there.

Mr. Van Horn is a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 422, Free and Accepted Masons, having filled the chairs in the same and is present master of this lodge. Politically, he is a Republican and is always interested in public matters and is a frequent delegate to party conventions. He has been township trustee and a member of the board of education, now occupying the latter position. He has always been a friend to education. He and his family are members of the Christian church and he has long been active in church and Sunday school work. He is an advocate of public improvements, better roads, better public buildings, better school facilities, and every movement having as its object the general improvement of the county has his support.

JOHN ELMER LITZENBERG.

The subject is a representative of honored pioneers of Knox county, so that a consideration of his genealogical and personal history becomes doubly interesting and doubly apropos in connection with the prescribed province of this publication. Mr. Litzenberg is one of the successful farmers of Hilliar township, having a finely improved landed estate there, and is carrying forward his operations with that energy, foresight and careful discrimination which ever betoken the appreciative and model yeoman.

John Elmer Litzenberg was born in Milford township, Knox county, September 19, 1865, and is the son of John and Abigail Ellen (Kisor) Litzenberg. His paternal grandparents, John Litzenberg, born June 13, 1786, and Ann (Prong) Litzenberg, born November 7, 1786, were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and were married March 14, 1808. They came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1836, and settled in Milford township. He was a farmer and stock raiser and here they spent the rest of their lives. About the year 1700, a man by the name of Kisor and his two brothers came to the United States from Germany and settled in Philadelphia. Later, when the Shenandoah valley was being settled, he moved into it. In the year 1807, John Kisor, a descendant and the maternal grandparent of the subject of this sketch, moved with his widowed mother, two brothers and three sisters from Rockingham county, Virginia, and settled in Knox county, Ohio, on the Big run, in the southeastern part of what is now Pleasant township. John Kisor and his two brothers, Christobel and Frederick, served in the war of 1812, he being detailed as dispatch bearer and scout, belonging to the Light Horse Cavalry. After the war he was married to Elizabeth Bolton, also of Rockingham county, Virginia. At the time of their settlement in Knox county, Ohio, the country was indeed a wilderness, and here he entered government land, built a cabin, cleared and improved a good farm, and here reared his family of ten children. Later in life he moved to Milford township, and finally to Hilliar township, dying on the place now owned by the subject. He was a man of bravery, courage and never halted at obstacles or hardships.

John Litzenberg, father of the subject, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1819, being the seventh child of a family of eleven children, the only one of the family now living being Susan (Litzenberg) Jackson of Liberty township, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. The mother was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 3, 1830. The father spent his boyhood in his native state, coming to Knox county in 1836, with

his parents, and here he was married March 18, 1855, to Abigail Ellen Kisor. He devoted his life to farming, and lived an honest retired life. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he and his wife belonged to the Church of Christ. They had but one child, John Elmer, of this sketch. The father had been married before, and by his first wife had five children, two of whom are now living, George Nelson and Louis Jefferson. The death of the father occurred on September 14, 1901, and the mother on August 29, 1897.

John E. Litzenberg was reared on the home farm and there worked hard when a boy. He received his education in the school house near the home place. At the age of fifteen, he began teaching in the schools of his native township, being the youngest person to whom a certificate to teach was ever issued in Knox county. He followed this profession for eight years and then devoted himself exclusively to farming for a livelihood. In 1887 he bought thirty-seven acres in Hilliar township, and he is now the owner of one hundred and fifty-two acres in Hilliar and Milford townships, which he has placed under excellent improvement, and on which he makes a very comfortable living as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has a good home and has built a large, fine barn.

Politically, Mr. Litzenberg is a Democrat, but has never aspired to office. On January 16, 1881, he and his wife united with the Church of Christ at First Milford.

Mr. Litzenberg was married on January 1, 1887, to Caroline Chrisman, a native of Knox county, and the daughter of Harvey C. and Sarah Elizabeth (Jaggers) Chrisman, he a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and she of Knox county, Ohio. One child has been born to the subject and wife, Lenna May, January 24, 1890, and now the wife of Frank Ward Chapman, of this county.

CLARK M. BARBER.

A well known and popular citizen of Knox county is the able educator whose name initiates this biographical review, who for a period of nearly thirty years has labored in his chosen field of endeavor in Pleasant township with remarkable success, his labors making him a much liked public character, being known as a man of keen perceptive faculties, scholarly attainments, unusual soundness of judgment and upright in all the relations of life. Continuous application for over three decades of advancement has given him a

clear and comprehensive insight into the philosophy of education and the largest wisdom as to method and means of attainment of ends, while his steady growth in public favor wherever he has labored and his popularity with pupils and patrons have won for him a high educational standing. He possesses the personal charm and tact which make him popular with the young, and by entering into their spirit and pastimes, sympathizing with them in their troubles, listening to and settling their disputes and making their interests his own, he has become the idol, almost, of the juveniles of this part of the county, his being one with them rendering his work easy and adding greatly to his popularity.

Clark M. Barber was born on May 6, 1862, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Abram and Margaret (Hindman) Barber. In 1862 the family moved to Pleasant township, Knox county, and here the subject grew to manhood, in fact, has spent his life. Here the father engaged in farming, becoming very comfortably established. Politically, he was a Democrat and was active in public affairs. For a period of seventeen years he was treasurer of Pleasant township, Knox county, this being criterion enough of the confidence which his neighbors reposed in him. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He was a man of exemplary character and was well liked. His death occurred on November 3, 1901, and his wife died on August 3d of the same year. They were the parents of six children, five sons and one daughter, namely: John lives in Rock Island, Illinois; Jennie married John Wood, of Mt. Vernon; Samuel M. lives in Hyattsville, Wyoming; Thomas P., of Pleasant township, this county; Allen S resides in Traverse City, Michigan; Clark M of this review. These children are all living.

Clark M. Barber spent his childhood and youth on the home farm where he assisted with the general work about the place during the crop seasons, attending the district schools in the winter time. He always had a laudable ambition to be a teacher and when scarcely past the age of fifteen years he began this line of endeavor and has taught in the schools of Knox county every year since, twenty-nine years of this time being spent in the schools of his own township, Pleasant. As already intimated, he is recognized as one of the most progressive teachers of Knox county and he stands high in educational circles in this part of the state. In 1906 he was appointed one of the county school examiners and is still serving in that capacity, having been reappointed for a second term in 1909, and he is clerk of the board. He is a member of the state organization of county examiners and during the year 1911 was a member of the executive committee of that organization.

He is a member of the Ohio State Teachers Association and also a member of the Knox County Teachers Association and has been active in its work. In addition to his common school certificate, he has an eight-year high school certificate. He is an occasional contributor to the state educational publications.

Mr. Barber was married on May 19, 1885, to Belle Busenburg, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Ulery) Busenburg. The mother is deceased, but the father is living in Harrison township, this county. The union of the subject and wife has been graced by the birth of one daughter, Gertrude Marie, now a student in the Mt. Vernon high school, where she is making a splendid record.

Politically, Mr. Barber is a Democrat and he has always been an active participant in public affairs. He served as clerk of Pleasant township for a period of eight years. He has served as a member of the Democratic county committee for several years and he has been a frequent delegate to county, district and party conventions. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 316, at Mt. Vernon; Timon Lodge No. 45, Knights of Pythias; also the Masonic order and the Knights of Maccabees. He and his family belong to the Disciples church at Union Grove and are active in church and Sunday school work.

Mr. Barber is an advocate of healthful outdoor sports and general athletics, and for recreation he enjoys an occasional hunt. His home is just on the outskirts of Mt. Vernon, a modern, attractive and neatly furnished residence, well equipped with current and standard literature The family stands high in the social life of the community.

EDWIN F. HAMILTON.

The name of Edwin F. Hamilton, of Clinton township, Knox county, is too well known in this locality to need any introduction to the readers of this work; his record as a private citizen and public servant speaks for itself.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Morgan township, this county, on August 8, 1856, and is the fourth son of William and Elizabeth (Sellers) Hamilton. The father was born in Harrison county, Ohio, on November 26, 1822, and the mother's birth occurred on July 15, 1817, in Pennsylvania. They were married on January 20, 1848, and lived happily together for a period of sixty years, William Hamilton dying on May 17, 1908, his widow surviving until

April 19, 1910. They were the parents of five children, two of whom, John and Craig, are deceased; W. M. and G. S. reside in Morgan township, this county, and Edwin F., of this sketch.

The subject of this biographical review was reared on the old homestead where he assisted with the general work during his boyhood. He received his education in the district schools.

Mr. Hamilton was trustee of Morgan township for several years, and in 1895 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners, on which he served for four years. He belongs to Sycamore Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Brandon, and Utica Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Edwin F. Hamilton was married on December 14, 1881, to Ida V. Guy, daughter of John and Emeline (Lafever) Guy, of Clinton township, Knox county. The family finally moved to Mt. Vernon, where the parents spent their last years, the death of Mrs. Guy occurring on July 20, 1899, and that of Mr. Guy on January 12, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have one child, Frank, who was born on December 29, 1884, and is living at home.

FRANK L. BEAM.

The name of Frank L. Beam is too well known to the people of Knox county to be formally introduced by the biographer here, for he has long been one of the progressive business men of Mt. Vernon, the efficient president of the local telephone company. He was born November 14, 1858, near Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He is the son of James A. and Martha (Letts) Beam, both natives of Knox county; his father was born in 1832 and died at the age of thirty-six years.

Frank L. Beam grew to manhood here and received his education in the local schools. He began his business career as clerk in a hardware store in Mt. Vernon. In 1880 he engaged in the crockery and wall paper business here, which he continued successfully until 1901. He became interested in the telephone business in 1894, and he has been president of the Mt. Vernon Telephone Company since its organization and its great success has been due very largely to his efforts. He became general manager of the Columbus (Ohio) Telephone Company in 1899, which position he retained for a period of six years. In 1904 he was elected president of the Ohio Independent Telephone Association, which he now holds. On account of the duties connected with the state association work, he resigned

as general manager of the Columbus Citizen Telephone Company in 1905. He is also interested in a great many telephone plants in central Ohio. He has mastered thoroughly every phase of the telephone business and is by nature an organizer and promoter, carrying to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Beam is also president of the Coshocton Gas Company, of Coshocton, Ohio; also president of the Canton Roofing Tile Company, of East Sparta, Ohio, each of which is doing a large and constantly growing business.

Mr. Beam was married first to Mellie Greer, of Mt. Vernon, this county, and the daughter of H. H. Greer and wife. Mrs. Beam was called to her rest in 1903, leaving two children, Henry Greer Beam and Margaret Josephine Beam. The former is a graduate of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, also of the law department of the State University of Ohio at Columbus.

The second wife of the subject was known in her maidenhood as Anna Louise Bogardus, daughter of W. P. Bogardus, a well known Mt. Vernon merchant. To this union two children were born, James A. and Frances Louise.

Fraternally, Mr. Beam is a Mason, holding membership in all the branches of the same, including the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Columbus, Aladdin Temple. Politically, he is a Republican, and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM LEWIS.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch has long enjoyed prestige as a worthy, public-spirited citizen of the community in which he resides, a widely known carpenter and builder of Pleasant township, Knox county, and as an official against whose record no word of suspicion was ever uttered, his prominence in the community being the legitimate result of genuine merit and ability and in every relation, whether in the humble sphere of private citizenship or as a trusted public servant with large responsibilities resting upon him, his many excellencies of character and the able and impartial manner in which he discharges his every duty has won for him an enviable reputation as an enterprising and representative self-made man.

William Lewis was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1847. He is the son of Uriah and Mary (Bignell) Lewis, who spent most of their lives in the county where the subject was born, moving to Montgomery county about 1850, never coming to Ohio. In the veins of the subject flows the blood of a long line of sterling pioneer ancestors, his first progenitor having landed on American soil from Wales in 1717, settling in what was then Buck's province. The great-grandfather, Isaac Lewis, was a Revolutionary soldier, and John Lewis, brother of the subject, served in the Civil war as a member of Battery C, Pennsylvania Artillery. The subject served nine months in the quartermaster's department in front of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864 and 1865.

William Lewis, of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade. In 1869 he came to Ohio, first locating in Cleveland where he remained about a year, engaged in carpenter work. Following this he visited various places, remaining for brief periods in each, finding employment at his trade as carpenter. Part of this time was spent in Knox county, and in 1877 he permanently located here, first in Butler township. He continued at carpentering and, being a skilled workman and a conscientious business man, his services were in good demand and many of the best buildings in the county stand today as monuments to his skill as a builder.

Mr. Lewis was married in February, 1871, to Lucinda Ely, daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Underwood) Ely, of Butler township, where the mother still resides, the father being deceased. Two children, a son and a daughter, have been born to the subject and wife: W. Frank is married and is a physician in Utica, Licking county, Ohio; the daughter, Jennie B., married Fred Hunter, of Gambier, Ohio.

Mr. Lewis moved to Mt. Vernon in 1883 and there continued carpentering, but in 1885 moved to his farm three miles southeast of Mt. Vernon, in Pleasant township, and followed his trade until 1908, when he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners of Knox county. He is a Democrat politically and has always been active in party affairs. For a period of ten years he served as treasurer of Pleasant township, and for three years was a member of the township school board. Having made such a praiseworthy record as a county commissioner, he was re-elected for a second term in the fall of 1910 and the duties of this office he continues to discharge in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. He is a man of good character, and among all classes of people his reputation for capability and fair dealing is the very best.

JOHN MARION COCHRAN.

One of the farmers of Jackson township, Knox county, who believes in adopting the best and latest methods in agriculture in so far as they are consistent with local conditions is John Marion Cochran, a man who has depended upon himself for what he has, believing that life is very largely what we make it, and being too independent to permit others to do the work that he himself should perform. He has not aspired to be a leader in any relations of life, merely exercising the rights of good citizenship and spending his time in looking after his farm and his family. To the contemplative mind such a life is the most desirable.

Mr. Cochran was born in Butler township, Knox county, November 8, 1850, and is the son of Sydner and Margaret (Hammel) Cochran. The paternal grandparents, Elijah and Susan (Messer) Cochran, were natives of Virginia and they came to Ohio about 1830 and located in Muskingum county. There they became very comfortably established on a farm, which he literally hewed out from the forest, the country then being new and sparsely settled, and there he lived until his death; his wife also died there. The maternal grandparents, John Hammel and wife, emigrated to America in an early day and located in Knox county; she was a native of Ireland and it is believed that that country was also his birthplace. Here they worked hard and in due course of time had a good home.

The mother of the subject was born in Knox county and the father in Virginia, in 1820. They were married in this county and here they began life on the farm which they purchased. They had a family of ten children, three of whom died in infancy, and seven grew to manhood and womanhood. The parents were members of the Disciples church. The father's death occurred on October 5, 1895, and the death of the mother on November 16, 1906.

John M. Cochran, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm and there he worked when a boy and in the winter months attended the common schools in his locality. Early in life he took up farming and in 1874 bought seventy-two acres in Jackson township, and he is now the owner of eighty-two acres which he has placed under excellent improvements and on which he has made a very comfortable living as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has a very cozy home.

Politically, Mr. Cochran is a Democrat and he takes considerable interest in the affairs of his locality and has held a number of the township offices, always with much credit and satisfaction. Both he and his wife belong to the Disciples church.

Mr. Cochran was married on September 23, 1874, to Frances E. Murray, who was born in Knox county, where she was reared and received her education. She is the daughter of James and Charlotte (Elliott) Murray, a well known family of this part of the county.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, namely: Ara E. is at home; James V. married Elizabeth Riley and they live in Danville; Cleveland Dale married Olga Hall, of Bladensburg, and they live in Jackson township, Knox county.

ROBERT C. ANDERSON.

Among the men of Knox county who have appreciated present-day opportunities and have profited by ingenuity and persistency in the business world as a result of the favorable conditions existing in the splendid locality of which this history treats, the name of Robert C. Anderson, well known contractor of Mt. Vernon, is deserving of special mention, a man who has been alert to grasp situations leading to ultimate success and whose life has been led along conservative and honorable lines so that he has ever enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come into contact, whether in a business or social way.

Mr. Anderson was born on October 31, 1850, in Clinton township, Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of David McCord Anderson and Hannah Jane (Hamill) Anderson. The father came to Knox county, Ohio, with his mother and two sisters, his father having died in 1844 when David M. Anderson was a young man. They had come from near Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania. David M. Anderson's maternal ancestry, the Hay and McCord families, were of Scotch blood and they emigrated to America in the old colonial days and some members of these families participated in the Revolutionary war. The father of the subject was born in the historic year 1812. The mother's people, the Hamills, came from Chester county, Pennsylvania, to Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1821. Grandfather John C. Hamill was a blacksmith and farmer and he followed his trade while living in Muskingum county. It was about 1825 when they came to Knox county and settled on a farm on the Columbus road, three miles south of Mt. Vernon, and engaged in farming. Grandfather Hamill was a soldier in the war of 1812 and he is described as a man of sterling qualities. His death occurred in February, 1845, having been a man of great activity, intelligence and much influence among the people of his community.

The parents of Robert C. Anderson, of this review, were married in 1844 at the home of John C. Hamill, the ceremony being performed by Rev. James Scott, pastor of the Presbyterian church. These parents began their married life on the Hamill farm, three miles south of town David M. Anderson was a successful farmer and a man of much resource and his character was ever above cavil. Because of his ability and public spirit, he was called upon to fill numerous responsible public offices. His death occurred on April 14, 1897, his wife having preceded him to the grave on May 10, 1881, and they are buried in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. They were faithful members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, he was a Democrat and was always active in public matters. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. David M. Anderson, three sons and two daughters, namely: Anna Adeline, who makes her home with her brother, Robert C., of this sketch, he being the fourth in order of birth; John H., of Mt. Vernon, was the second child; and Thomas M., who is farming on the old home place, was the third; Sarah E., who married Wiley Bell, a farmer of Knox county, is the youngest child.

Robert C. Anderson was educated in the district schools of Clinton township and for six years he taught school very successfully during the winter months, working at the carpenter's trade in the summer time, alternating these occupations until he was twenty-five years of age. He was married in December, 1877, to Alice E. Wilkins, daughter of Francis and Emeline (Williams) Wilkins, of Mt. Vernon. To the subject and wife three children have been born, namely: Walter S. married and is living in Mt. Vernon; Clarence H. and Stella M., twins, both live at home. The wife and mother has passed to her rest.

In 1870 Mr. Anderson moved to Mt. Vernon and continued carpentering, contracting and building and he has engaged in this business to the present time, having met with a large measure of success. Many of the best business blocks, public buildings and private residences of this locality stand as monuments to his skill as a builder. One of his most recent important jobs was the erection of the alumni library building of Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio, costing fifty thousand dollars. He is universally regarded as the foremost contractor and builder of Mt. Vernon. For several years he was in the bridge building business and for two and one-half years he was superintendent of the Mt. Vernon Bridge Company. This was in addition to his general contracting business and for two years he was a traveling salesman for various bridge companies, being recognized as an expert man in his line. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never found

time to take any special part in public affairs, and during 1908 and 1909 he was a member of the city board of public service, and has also been city building inspector, but he has never been an office seeker. He is a progressive, enterprising citizen, interested in progress along all lines and a valuable citizen to the community.

For some time Mr. Anderson's sons have been interested with him in business, contracting and building, under the firm name of R. C. Anderson & Sons, the sons assuming much of the active work of the firm.

Personally, Mr. Anderson is an intelligent, broad-minded, congenial gentleman, a man whose opinions and judgment are highly regarded.

CHARLES R. YOUNG.

This is an age in which the farmer stands pre-eminently above any other class as a producer of wealth. He simply takes advantage of the fertile soil, the refreshing rain, the sunshine and by the Creator's help and by virtue of his own skill in handling nature's gifts he creates grain, hay, vegetables and live stock, all of which are absolute necessities to the inhabitants of the world. The commercial system has come to recognize his importance at last and has surrounded him with many conveniences and utensils unthought of a century or even fifty years ago. The inventor has given him the self-binder, the riding-plow, the steam thresher and many other labor-saving devices. And the farmer has not been slow to take advantage of these blessed improvements. He everywhere has utilized them and made them add to his wealth and his comfort. It has been thus with Charles R. Young, one of the well known farmers of Monroe township, Knox county, who stands among our modern tillers of the soil, for he has been an advocate of the latest and most approved methods in this field of endeavor.

Mr. Young was born on March 12, 1870, on a farm in Monroe township, this county. He is the son of Silas and Catherine (Davis) Young, the father a native of Geauga county, Ohio, and the mother of Knox county, this state. The father devoted his life to farming, coming to Knox county when about fourteen years of age, and here he became a large landowner and prosperous farmer and stockman, dealing extensively in live stock of all kinds. He was a man of prominence and influence in his community, always interested in public matters, and a loyal Democrat, but he was never an office seeker. His death occurred on April 28, 1910, and that of his wife on September 16, 1902.

To Mr. and Mrs. Silas Young ten children were born, namely: Sherbon is deceased; Jacob, late of Springfield, Illinois, now deceased; John S. is also a resident of that city; Elizabeth A. married C. A. Lafever and they live in Clinton township, this county; Alice Y. is deceased; Mary married Walter Steele, of San Benito, Texas; Carrie married D. H. Painter, of Minneapolis, and she is now deceased; Dee is deceased; Charles R., of this sketch; Catherine married Walter Spittle, of San Benito, Texas.

Charles R. Young was reared on the home farm and there he assisted with the general work when he became of proper age, and he received his education in the country district schools. He remained with his parents until he was married, on June 17, 1896, to Blanche Welshymar, daughter of William H. and Sarah A. (Sacord) Welshymar, of Mt. Vernon, and to this union three daughters have been born, namely: Ruth A., Helen A., and Virginia L., all at home.

Mr. Young began his married life on a farm one mile east of Mr. Vernon, on the Coshocton road. He is the owner of one hundred and fourteen acres of fertile and valuable land which he has kept well improved and well cultivated. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising, keeping a good grade of live stock. He has a beautiful home, modernly furnished.

Politically, Mr. Young is a Democrat, but not an active party man, though he always takes an active interest in public matters. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and he and his family hold membership with the Methodist Episcopal church, and the family is prominent in the social life of the community.

CLEMENT E. DURBIN.

The people who constitute the bone and sinew of this country are not those who are unstable and unsettled, who fly from this occupation to that, who are continuously moving from one place to another, who do not know how to vote until they are told, and who take no active and intelligent interest in affairs effecting their schools, churches and property. Knox county, Ohio, is today fortunate in having so many citizens who have lived here from their birth, whose parents and grandparents spent their lives here, or the major part of them. It shows that this is indeed a favored country and that the first settlers were content to spend their lives in our midst and that they have laid good foundations for the descendants, who are today enjoying, in a way, the fruits of their labors. One of these old and highly respected

families is that represented by Clement E. Durbin, farmer of Union township, who was born on August 16, 1863, on a farm in Howard township. Soon afterwards his parents, Benjamin and Margaret (McNamara) Durbin, moved to Union township, where the subject was reared and where he has since resided. The father was born in Belmont county, Ohio, and the mother in the state of New York, she being of Irish descent, her people having come to America from Ireland only a short time before her birth. They located for a time in New York, later coming to Knox county, Ohio. Grandfather Baptist Durbin brought his family to Knox county, Ohio, in 1830, when Benjamin Durbin, father of the subject of this sketch, was only two years of age. Here the family became well established and here the subject's father grew to manhood, received his education in the common schools and spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, becoming a large landowner and one of the influential and highly respected men of his county. Politically, he was a Democrat and always interested in good government and very creditably filled a number of township offices, though he never sought official preferment. He and his family were members of the Catholic church and faithful in their support of the same. The death of Benjamin Durbin occurred on October 19, 1906, his wife having preceded him to the grave on February 6, 1883 They were the parents of eight children, four of whom died in infancy; those surviving are: Clement E., of this review; Selora A. married Albert Logsdon, of Champaign county, Ohio; Mary J. married Thomas B. Durbin, of Union township; Olive Bertha married William Grassbough and they live in Union township.

Clement E. Durbin was reared on the farm and when a boy he assisted with the general work on the place, attending the common schools in the winter time, in Danville, until he became of age, thereby receiving a good education.

Mr. Durbin was married on April 11, 1888, to M. Catherine Durbin, daughter of John C. and Margaret (Colopy) Durbin, of Howard township, and to the subject and wife seven children have been born, namely: Alice G. is teaching in the Danville schools; Pauline C. is teaching in the schools of Union township; Bernadette A. is a graduate of the Danville high school; Justin L. is a student; Beatrice T., Mary M., Ignatius Q.

Mr. Durbin and his wife began housekeeping on the farm where he now resides, the old Banbury homestead. This place, which consists of one hundred and sixty-five acres, he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation, and in recent years he has erected a modern and comnodious dwelling and has convenient and substantial outbuildings. In connection

with general farming he pays much attention to the raising of good live stock, and he has been very successful in whatever he has undertaken, farming along modern lines of soil adaptation and crop rotation.

Politically, Mr. Durbin is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Catholic church and active in the work of the same. His daughters are well educated and prominent in the social life of this part of the county; they are very successful as teachers, and they are decidedly musically inclined, being splendid performers on the piano and violin and frequently sought in public performances of a musical nature.

JOHN C. WINTERRINGER.

One of the best known pioneer families of Knox county, one whose various members have done their full share of the work allotted to them in furthering the work of transforming the primeval forests into a fertile, productive country, equal to any in the great Buckeye state, is that worthily represented in the present generation by John C. Winterringer, of Buckeye City, Union township. His useful and industrious life has been spent in his home community, for he had the sagacity to foresee a great future for the same and he knew that for him no better opportunities were to be found in any other section of this or any state, so he has been content with home, which, most people will agree, is the best place after all.

Mr. Winterringer's birth occurred here on February 7, 1840, on a farm three miles southeast of Buckeye City. He is the son of Jesse B. and Rhoda (Workman) Winterringer, both natives of this part of Ohio, both these families having been early pioneers of the same, coming here in 1816 when the land was covered with far-reaching forests and still the abode of Indians and all kinds of wild beasts common to this latitude. They endured the hardships and privations incident to life in such an environment, and, not discouraged by obstacles, they went to work with a will, built log cabins and cleared the land, finally owning comfortable homes. The Winterringers were originally from France and the hardy blood of their sterling ancestors stood them well in hand after taking up their abode in America. They first settled in Maryland, later coming to Jefferson county, Ohio, and on to Knox county with the first settlers. Upon arriving here the family first found shelter under wide-spreading limbs of a hugh oak tree, and under such a canopy a brother of the father of the subject of this sketch was born.

Jesse B. Winterringer, mentioned above, devoted his life to farming, his work being necessarily arduous, but he persevered in the new country and became a large landowner and a prosperous farmer, one of the substantial and influential men of his community. He was a life-long Democrat and more or less active in the affairs of his party. Religiously, he belonged to the Presbyterian church, to which his family also belonged. He lived to a good old age, dying on October 5, 1897, after a successful and honorable career, having survived his wife a number of years, she having preceded him to the spirit land about 1889. Jesse B. Winterringer was born on September 13, 1813, and his wife was born in 1818. They were the parents of ten children, four sons and six daughters, namely: Eliza, now the widow of Joseph Hauger; Julidia is deceased; John C., of this review; Martin L. lives in Union township; Edith married Lyman Welker, of Butler township, this county; Martha married Jacob Parsons, of Union township; Joseph lives in Mt. Vernon; Mary married David Welker, of Mt. Vernon; Alexander and Hulda died in infancy. The parents of these children are buried in the Workman cemetery near Buckeye City.

John C. Winterringer was reared on the home farm where he assisted with the general work about the place during his boyhood days, attending the old-time public schools in the winter months, also the Millwood Academy. When he was a young man the Civil war was in progress and, like many of his public spirited neighbor boys, he proved his patriotism by enlisting early in 1861 in Company E, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served very faithfully until after the battle of Fort Donelson. About this time he was attacked by typhoid fever and after his recovery he was discharged on account of disability. He was such a splendid soldier that he was given the rank of corporal. Returning home from the army, he engaged in the mercantile business at Millwood, but remained there only a short time when he moved to St. Louisville, Licking county, Ohio, and there sold dry goods for three years. He was making a success as a merchant, but the freer life of the country drew him back to Union township, Knox county, and here he took up farming. However, having for some time felt that his true bent was along the line of the medical profession, he began to study such medical books as he could procure in his community, and later attended medical lectures in Cleveland, where he made rapid progress. Thus becoming well equipped for his life work, he came to Buckeye City in 1874 and engaged in the practice of medicine, soon building up a very lucrative patronage and here he has continued to reside to the present time. He continued practicing until 1892 with marked success, when he was appointed

postmaster at Buckeye City, and about the same time he started a drug business which he continued for some time.

Doctor Winterringer was married on December 27, 1864, to Almeda Critchfield, daughter of Hiram and Harriet (Porter) Critchfield, an influential family of Union and Howard townships, prominent there since the pioneer days, and here Mrs. Winterringer grew to womanhood and was educated. Three children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Gertrude, who married C. B. Purcell, of Buckeye City; Charles E., who is married, is city passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines entering Columbus west of Pittsburg. He lives at Columbus. Rolland I. Winterringer is private secretary to the vice-president (Herman Hoster) of the Columbus Lithograph Company and lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Politically, Mr. Winterringer is a loyal Democrat and he has long been active in party affairs. He has served as mayor of Buckeye City, in an able and acceptable manner. In fact, he has been incumbent of this office from the time the city was incorporated to the present time, with the exception of only a few years, having served as mayor fourteen years in all. During this period he did much for the general upbuilding of the place; in fact, no one man has done more, and he has the hearty thanks of the entire community for his fidelity to the trusts reposed in him. He was postmaster for four years and also served in the village council. For several years he has been a notary public. For a number of years he was one of the most active members of the Democratic county central committee, and he has been a frequent delegate to party conventions, where he has always made his influence felt for the good of his people and the party. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, and he belongs to the Progressive Brethren church, his wife being a consistent member of the Catholic church. Personally, he is a man of the highest sense of honor and his course has been such as to inspire in others confidence and esteem.

GEORGE W. TULLOSS.

This well-known citizen is an excellent representative of the better class of farmers of the United States. He comes from an ancestry that distinguished itself in pioneer times. When the country was covered with an almost interminable forest of large trees and the woods filled with wild animals, his people came here and began to carve from the primeval forests, build schools and churches, and introduce the customs of civilization in the

wilderness. They were genuine pioneers, willing to take the hardships that they might acquire the soil and the homes that were sure to rise, and it would seem that many of their commendable traits have outcropped in the subject, for he has been a man who has not permitted untoward circumstances to thwart his purposes when once he determined upon a certain course.

George W. Tulloss was born on March 21, 1856, on a farm in Morgan township, this county. He is the son of John J. and Caroline (Smith) Tulloss, both natives of Morgan township, this county, and here they grew to maturity amid pioneer conditions, received such educational training as the old-time log school houses afforded and here they were married and began life on the farm, the father becoming one of the successful tillers of the soil in his part of the county and known as a man of excellent principles. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Emily, deceased; Byron L. lived in Columbus, Ohio; John J., deceased; Reece P. was a resident of Putnam county, Ohio, for many years, when he died after raising a family, one of which, a son, Reece E., is pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church at Constantine, Michigan; Benjamin F., who was next in order of birth, went to Texas in 1877 and has not been heard from since 1881; George W., of this review; Cynthia A. and Carrie C. are single and living on the old homestead in Morgan township, which place they own and operate. The death of the father of these children occurred in April, 1902, his widow surviving until in March, 1905. They were buried in Fairview cemetery, Miller township, near the old home. The father was a life-long Democrat and a public-spirited citizen, but never an office seeker, though he served as township trustee for many years, also was a member of the local school board for many years. He and his family were members of the old-school Baptist church and he was a devout churchman.

George W. Tulloss was reared on the home farm and was educated in the common schools of the township and the normal school at Utica, Ohio, which his brothers and sisters also attended. He followed school teaching for ten years in Morgan county, Miller township.

Mr. Tulloss was married on September 20, 1883, to Rilla Boner, daughter of Matthew and Hannah (Dallrymple) Boner, the father a prominent citizen of Wayne township and influential in all public matters, a prosperous farmer. Mr. Boner's death occurred in May, 1900, at the age of sixty-nine years, but his widow survives. Mr. Boner spent his entire life in this home. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Tulloss has been without issue.

In September, 1883, Mr. Tulloss took charge of the old Boner home, which has been in possession of this family for many years and was one of

the first farms settled in Wayne township, originally known as the Lewis farm, Mr. Lewis having purchased one thousand acres from the government. William Boner, grandfather of Mrs Tulloss, purchased a part of the original tract from Mr. Lewis. Eliphalet Lewis, son of the original purchaser of the land, bought two hundred acres of the original tract from his father; he came out from New Jersey and settled on it. He reared a family of seven children and here he spent the rest of his life. Then William Boner, who was a widower, married the widow Lewis, and to this union two children wer born, Mathew, the father of Mrs. Tulloss, was the son, and Avarilla was the daughter, who became the wife of Ambrose Dallrymple, of Morrow county.

There are one hundred and sixty-five acres of most excellent land in the farm originally owned by Mr. Boner. Mr. Tulloss has kept it well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has an inviting modern home and large convenient outbuildings. The residence stands upon an elevation commanding a fine view of South Fork valley of Owl creek, one of the most fertile valleys in the county. Here he has successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising and feeding. He raises all the feed he can on his farm for his own stock; however, about five years ago he rented his farm and has since lived practically retired, merely superintending his farm in a general way. He also has other interests, having been very successful in a business way.

Mr. Tulloss is a regularly ordained minister of the old-school Baptist church, being pastor of the Wayne Baptist church, which was organized in 1810 and is still an organized congregation. In later years Mr. Tulloss has not been actively engaged in the ministry, but he and his wife are still adherents of that church and have done much good through their work in the same. Fraternally, he belongs to Wayne Grange No. 262, Patrons of Husbandry, and he has been deputy state master of the state grange for Knox county, having held this office for four years, during which period he has organized many new granges, the county having been well organized prior to his incumbency.

Politically, he is a Republican, and he has always kept thoroughly informed on public questions, and has been a frequent attendant to party caucuses and active in elections, but never an office seeker. He has served as a member of the township board of elections and has always been interested in educational matters. He is a splendid gentleman personally and is popular with the people, for they know he stands for progress and wholesomeness in all relations of life.

SAMUEL CLARK.

Among the citizens of Knox county whose lives have been led along such worthy lines of endeavor that they have endeared themselves to their fellow citizens, thereby being eligible for representation in a volume of this nature, is the gentleman whose name appears above. He is one of the coterie of enterprising citizens who have come to us from the Empire state and have done so much in forwarding our interests along material and civic lines.

Samuel Clark, of Mt. Vernon, was born on June 7, 1858, in New York state, and he is the son of Frederick and Marian (Swallow) Clark. The father, a carpenter and contractor, who died in New York state, was regarded as a high-grade workman and an honorable man. After his death the widow, with her son, Samuel, came to Knox county in 1876. She is now deceased.

The son, Samuel, of this review, learned the carpenter's trade under his father, and also the stone mason's trade before leaving New York, in which state he grew up and was educated. He accompanied the mother to Mt. Vernon and here engaged in carpentering and contracting, and the business of moving buildings and is still actively and successfully engaged in the same line of work and also the erection of heavy engines and machinery. His work in this line has taken him into eighteen states and also into most of the provinces of Canada; he has been especially busy in British Columbia. He recently performed a task never before attempted in the United States, that of moving some glass furnaces at Barnesville, Ohio, and the work was successfully accomplished, as have been all of his undertakings in this line. Few men are better known in this special work and none are better equipped for the same. His services are in constant and ever-increasing demand. He is a man of energy and push, few propositions are too difficult for him and he never "starts anything he can't finish."

Mr. Clark was married on April 15, 189, to Lucy Minard, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Glasner) Minard, of Knox county, a well known and highly respected family. The father was a native of Tuscarawas county, this state, and the mother of Knox county; they were among the pioneers of the county. The father was an expert cabinet maker and he assisted in finishing the building of Kenyon College at Gambier. He was a soldier in the Civil war and his death was finally due to ailments contracted in the service. He did not survive many years after the war. His wife is also deceased.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark, three sons and one daughter, namely: Catherine, now Mrs. Lewis Atherton, of Mt. Vernon; Clarence is married and living in Mt. Vernon; Herbert is also married and living in Mt. Vernon; Amos B. is attending school here.

Politically, Mr. Clark is a Republican and always takes an active interest in public matters, but he has never been an office seeker and has never held office. He is an advocate of honesty and efficiency in public affairs. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Modern Woodmen of America, and Moose Lodge. He and his family affiliate with the Christian church. They have a pleasant and attractive home at No. 907 West Gambier street, Mt. Vernon. The Clarks are popular among the best people of the county.

DANIEL NICHOLLS.

The farm of Daniel Nicholls, in Jackson township, Knox county, is not as large as are some belonging to his neighbors, nevertheless he has brought it to a high state of tillage and by industry and successful management realizes as much from his acres as many do from places of much larger area. His improvements are all first class and the care and skill with which he prosecutes his labors show him to be well versed in agricultural science, with the ability to reduce the same to largest practical account. However, he is now living in practical retirement after a long and busy career and a life of honest endeavor.

Mr. Nicholls is a scion of a sterling old pioneer family, and he was born on the farm on which he still resides, on January 8, 1837. He is the son of Thomas and Susanna (Hendricks) Nicholls. The paternal grandparents, Daniel and Amelia Nicholls, were natives of Maryland, from which state they moved to West Virginia very early and there they spent the rest of their lives. The maternal grandparents, George and Martha (Criswell) Hendricks, were of Dutch descent and they lived in West Virginia and died there. The parents of the subject of this sketch were born, reared and married in Brooke county, West Virginia. Thomas Nicholls devoted his life to farming, and in 1829 moved to Knox county, Ohio, and purchased a farm in Jackson township of one hundred and ninety acres. This he cleared and improved, at least the major portion of it. Previous to coming here he farmed in West Virginia. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He spent the rest of his life in Knox county and became very well established

through his industry. His death occurred on March 3, 1883, at the advanced age of ninety-one years, he having been born on November 1, 1792. His wife lived to be about seventy-eight years of age. He led a quiet life; was a Democrat in politics, but never an aspirant for public office. His family consisted of nine children, four of whom are living.

Daniel Nicholls was reared on the home farm, where he began working very early, and received his education in the common schools of his vicinity. He began life for himself by farming on the home place, and he bought the interests of the other heirs, and he is now the owner of one hundred and fifteen acres, which he has made a good living on by general farming and stock raising. He is a member of Ohio Lodge No. 199, Free and Accepted Masons, also the Grange. His wife belongs to the Disciples church.

Mr. Nicholls was married on October 14, 1866, to Caroline McNulty McCamment, a native of Knox county and the daughter of John S. and Sarah McCamment, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. He came to Knox county in an early day and purchased a farm on which he remained and reared his children, five in number, and four of them are living at this writing. To Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls one child was born, a daughter, Arla Belle, now the wife of Hon. Lewis B. Houck, a prominent lawyer of Mount Vernon, Ohio, mentioned elsewhere in this work. A complete sketch of John S. McCamment and his family is found on another page of this work.

RICHARD HUNTER.

One of the first pioneer settlers of Knox county, Ohio, was Richard Hunter, who emigrated from Virginia in 1812 and settled on five hundred acres of government land along the Mohican river, south of Brinkhaven. He cleared part of the land that year and in the following year he visited his old home in Virginia. During this visit he married Elizabeth Hyatt, who accompanied him back to their new home in Ohio. Eight children were born to them, none of whom are living now.

Richard Hunter, Jr., became the next possessor of this land; however, he owned only three hundred and fifty acres of it, one hundred and fifty acres having been sold before it came into his possession. He lived his entire life on this farm, dying in 1891. In 1851 he was married to Lavina Workman. To this union were born five children, four of whom reside in

Knox county. They are, Ross, who owns part of the home place; Norman, who resides in Buckeye City; Mrs. C. H. Biggs, who lives on a farm south of Buckeye City; Dr. H. Hunter, of Columbus, Ohio, and Osborn, who lives on a farm south of Buckeye City.

JOHN S. McCAMMENT.

Few men of a past generation in southeastern Knox county left behind them a more indelible imprint of their characteristics or could claim more loyal friends than the late John S. McCamment, who, after a long, useful and industrious life, closed his eyes on earthly scenes in a sleep that wakes not to toil, leaving behind him a comfortable competence, a host of warm friends, and, what is more to be desired than riches or honor, an untarnished reputation and a good name.

Mr. McCamment was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1818, and was the son of Andrew and Rebecca (Strain) McCamment, also natives of that county and state. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a farmer by occupation, and he became the owner of considerable land. It was about 1819 that he brought his family to Knox county, Ohio, the mother carrying their son, John S., of this sketch, he being a mere child, and riding horseback all the way from Washington county, Pennsylvania. The father entered land from the government, which he cleared, and by years of hard toil developed a good farm and established a good home where he and his wife spent the balance of their lives. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity, but only one is living today. The country was new when the family came here and they underwent the usual hardships incident to pioneer life.

John S. McCamment was educated in the district schools of Knox county and was reared on the home farm, taking up farming for a livelihood. The country was new in those days and he was familiar with the hard work of the early settlers, but he never quailed at hard work and obstacles, so succeeded as a general farmer and stock raiser. About 1840 he moved to where his son and daughter now live, buying eighty acres in Jackson township, which he proceeded to clear and improve and made a very comfortable home there in which he spent the balance of his life, dying in 1890, his widow surviving until September 15, 1901.

Politically, Mr. McCamment was a Democrat and was always active

in public affairs. He served as county commissioner for three years and as county infirmary director for three years, and was a justice of the peace for thirty years, proving to be a most capable and praiseworthy official. He and his family were members of the Christian Union church, he helping build the church of his community. He was charitable and liberal. He was a charter member of the Ohio Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. McCamment was married on January 2, 1840, to Sarah Hammell, who was born in 1821 in Knox county, the daughter of John and Margaret Hammell, who were very early settlers in this county, Mr. Hammell leading a quiet life on his farm.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCamment, namely: Andrew Jackson, who lives in Jackson township; Margaret Jane is the widow of Henry Holtz; Caroline McNulty is the wife of Daniel Nicholls, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; John H., who operates the home place; Emily Rebecca died in infancy.

CHARLES B. SHELLENBARGER.

Among those persons who have by their strong individual qualities earned their way to a higher standing in the estimation of their fellow citizens, having by sheer force of character and persistency won their way from an humble beginning to a place of considerable influence in their respective communities where they are active in industrial affairs, the name of Charles B. Shellenbarger, farmer and dairyman near Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is deserving of mention in this work. He is a young man of correct habits and proper ideals and his life has been so ordered that he has kept his feet in the path of rectitude, thereby enjoying the confidence of his acquaintances and friends.

Mr. Shellenbarger was born on October 23, 1884, on a farm in Howard township, Knox county. He is the son of James J. and Mary E. (Workman) Shellenbarger, natives of Knox county, Ohio, where they grew up, received their education and were married and here they began life on the farm, and here the mother spent her life, dying on January 19, 1904. The father was successful in his work and is now living in retirement in Mt. Vernon, being advanced in years.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James J. Shellenbarger, seven sons and two daughters, named as follows: Frank, James C., Nora, Wil-

son G., Jarvis H., Harry N., Florence, Charles B. and William H. A sketch of Harry N, who is associated with the immediate subject of this sketch in business, appears on another page of this work.

Charles B. Shellenbarger was reared on the home farm and when old enough he assisted with the general work on the place in the summer months, and during the winter he attended the district schools of his native community. He remained at home, working on the farm until his marriage, on June 30, 1907, to Martha E. Clark, daughter of Joshua and Clissie (Baker) Clark, a highly respected family of Coshocton county, Ohio. One son, George Clark, was born September 20, 1911.

After his marriage Mr. Shellenbarger engaged in farming in Monroe township, this county, and two years later he went to the county infirmary farm as assistant manager, holding this position for two years and discharging his duties in an able and praiseworthy manner, proving an official worthy of the trust reposed in him by the public. He then went to Mr. Vernon and on April 1, 1911, he entered into partnership with his brother, Harry N. Shellenbarger, in farming and dairying near the city of Mt. Vernon and they have met with a large measure of success from the first, operating one of the best dairies in this section of the county and they have a great demand for their products, owing to their excellence and their honesty and promptness in dealing with their many customers. The dairy herds of these enterprising brothers are as fine as any in the county and as well bred and they employ modern methods in their work, believing that the best is none too good. Mr. Shellenbarger studies progressive and scientific farming and dairying and, so far as possible, puts his theories into practice.

Politically, Mr. Shellenbarger is a stalwart Republican and is active in party affairs, though he is not an office seeker. He believes it to be the duty of every citizen to keep well informed on public questions and issues, and he is a well-read, broad-minded gentleman whom to know is to accord every consideration.

JOHN WOLFE.

A character like John Wolfe, well known farmer and stockman of Jackson township, Knox county, is always deserving of special mention in a biographical compendium of the character of the one at hand, for he has led an eminently useful and honorable life. He is a connecting link between the pioneer epoch and the present, and he has lived to see the development

of this section of the Buckeye state, taking much more than a passing interest in the same. He recalls many interesting reminiscences of the early life here and has sought to keep fully abreast of the onrushing tide of human affairs, for while he deplores the passing of many of the good customs of our forefathers, the old hospitality, neighborliness and sterling every-day honesty, yet he likes to see new accomplishments in all the avenues of life and is an advocate of progress in material, civic and moral affairs, withholding his support from nothing that is calculated to be for the general good of his locality.

Mr. Wolfe was born in Butler township, Knox county, Ohio, on September 13, 1843, and is the son of Simon and Nancy (Kammer) Wolfe. The paternal grandfather was George Wolfe, and the maternal grandparents were Samuel and Nancy Kammer. The father of the subject was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and the mother was born in Knox county, Ohio. They spent their lives on their farm of one hundred and eighty acres, having a very comfortable home in this county.

To Simon Wolfe and wife eleven children were born, five of whom are living at this writing, three sons and two daughters. Politically, the father was a Democrat until after the Civil war, when he turned Republican. He held a number of township offices, but was not much of a public man, preferring to give his attention exclusively to his farm and home. His death occurred in June, 1868, his widow surviving until about 1905 or 1906.

John Wolfe was educated in the common schools and reared on his father's farm and when a young man he turned his attention to farming for a livelihood, working at home a great deal.

In December, 1861, Mr. Wolfe proved his patriotism by enlisting for service in defense of the Union, in Company K, Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served gallantly until the close of the war, taking part in many of the great battles with the Army of the West, being with troops in Missouri at the outset, and he served at the front from New Madrid until he was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, on July 13, 1865. He was with Sherman on his Atlanta campaign, being one of the famous "Sherman Bummers," whose duty it was to get supplies for the army.

After the war Mr. Wolfe returned home and resumed farming, buying a part of the home place upon the death of his father, later selling out and going to Nebraska, where he remained less than a year, then returned to Ohio and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township in 1883 and here he has remained to the present time, having put on many valuable improvements and met with much success as a general farmer and stock raiser, making a specialty of feeding sheep.

Politically, Mr. Wolfe is independent, and while he has never sought office, he has held a number of minor offices in Butler township. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, also the Grange, and he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Wolfe was married in 1867 to Hannah M. Hayden, a native of Licking county, daughter of Samuel and Roxanna (Hall) Hayden, old settlers of that county, he being a native of Pennsylvania.

Five children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Everett L. is engaged in the hardware business; Addie M., wife of Clark Schooler, farmer of Jackson township, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume; Virgil S.; Eva married Guy Taylor, who is deputy clerk of Knox county; Viola is the wife of Charles Porterfield, of Bladensburg.

BENJAMIN FOSTER TULLOSS.

Mr. Tulloss was born on November 13, 1865, in Franklin county, Kansas, though little of his life was spent in the Sunflower state of the West. He is the son of William and Felicia S. (Scott) Tulloss, both natives of Knox county, Ohio. John Tulloss, the paternal grandfather, came from Virginia with the early pioneers and settled in this county, and James Scott, maternal grandfather, the first pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mt. Vernon, was also a pioneer here and he became a very influential and prominent man. The father of the subject devoted his life to farming in this county, moving from here to Kansas in the early sixties, locating in Franklin county where he engaged extensively in farming and stock raising. He was elected probate judge, the duties of which position he discharged with much ability for a number of years. His death occurred in Kansas in 1866, after which the family returned to Knox county, Ohio, and for a time lived in Mt. Vernon, later moving to a farm three miles west of that city. The mother is still living.

Benjamin F. Tulloss spent most of his boyhood in Mt. Vernon, attending the public schools there until he was eighteen years of age. Later he entered Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio. After leaving school he at once turned his attention to farming in which he has been engaged to the present time, devoting special attention to raising thoroughbred Holstein cattle. He has a fine herd which are greatly admired by all who see them and he raises for breeding purposes. He has been very successful and no small part

of his annual income is derived from his stock, which find a very ready market, owing to their superior quality.

Mr. Tulloss was married on December 27, 1888, to Emma Myers, daughter of Joseph and Clementine (Rinehart) Myers, a prominent Knox county family, Mr. Myers having been a county commissioner at one time

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tulloss, named as follows, and all living: Joseph W. is a student at the Ohio State University; John J. is at home; Charles R., Anna F., Felicia C., Mary M., Elizabeth, Caroline, Harriet A. These children are being given every opportunity to obtain excellent educations.

Politically, Mr. Tulloss is a Democrat and is active in public matters. He has served as a member of the Democratic county central committee, and he is a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He was real estate appraiser in Clinton township in 1910. He was a member of the local school board for fifteen years. He has filled all public trusts reposed in him with much ability and fidelity and to the satisfaction of the public in general. Fraternally, he belongs to Mt. Vernon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Clinton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and he has been active in Grange matters. He and his family are members of the Congregational church and active in church and Sunday school work. He has lived on the home place since his marriage and he has a substantial, commodious home in the midst of attractive surroundings.

Personally, Mr. Tulloss is a man of pleasing presence, kind and obliging and a straightforward business man.

HARRY N. SHELLENBARGER.

Upon the roll of representative citizens and progressive agriculturists of the younger generation of Knox county consistently appears the name of Harry N. Shellenbarger, who lives just south of the city of Mt. Vernon, in Clinton township. He has spent his life in his home community, during which time he has gradually won his way into the affections of the people, for he possesses those sterling qualities of character which commend themselves to persons of intelligence and the highest morality, so it is no cause for wonder that he has achieved so high a position in the general estimation of all who have come into contact with him, having made an effort to keep

untarnished the honored family name which has been a familiar sound in this locality from the pioneer period.

Mr. Shellenbarger was born on July 13, 1875, in Howard township, Knox county. He is the son of James J. and Mary E. (Workman) Shellenbarger, both parents born in the eastern part of this county. The father was a farmer. At the beginning of the Civil war he was one of the first to enlist. He served his country faithfully for four years, during which time he was engaged in nineteen battles and was wounded three times. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged, afterwards engaging in farming for many years, during which he laid by a competency and is now leading a retired life in Mt. Vernon, his wife having died on January 19, 1904. They were the parents of seven sons and two daughters, namely: Frank, who lives in Wayne township; James C., who was sheriff of Knox county and was shot while performing his official duties; Nora married David Horn, of Wayne township; Wilson G. lives in Columbus; Jarvis H. lives in Mt. Vernon; Harry N., of this review; Florence married Howard Brock, of Mt. Vernon; Charles B. is associated with the subject of this sketch; William H. lives in Mt. Vernon.

Harry N. Shellenbarger was brought up on the farm and was educated in the country district schools. From the time he was seventeen years old he worked at farming for the farmers of the home community. On August 27, 1898, he was united in marriage with Faye Fuller, daughter of George and Jane (Peardon) Fuller, of Centerburg, Knox county, a well known and influential family here. To the subject and wife one child, a daughter, Madge, was born September 7, 1899.

After his marriage, Mr. Shellenbarger went to Columbus, Ohio, and was engaged with the Columbus Street Car Company for a year, when he was injured in a wreck and was incapacitated for work for two years. He then returned to Knox county and engaged in farming and dairying, which he has continued with ever-increasing success to the present time. In April, 1911, he moved to his present location two miles south of Mt. Vernon, where he is engaged in general farming. He handles Holstein and Jersey cattle for dairy purposes. He is a large handler of dairy products, understanding well every phase of this business and he is well equipped in every way for conducting a modern, sanitary and successful dairy.

Politically, Mr. Shellenbarger is a Republican and he is an active worker in the ranks, but he has never been an office seeker. He is an intelligent, progressive farmer and citizen and stands high in the estimation of his neighbors and acquaintances, being an excellent example of a self-made man.

who, by his own industry, frugality and integrity has climbed up from the foot of the ladder to a commanding position in his county and is in every respect deserving of his success.

A sketch of Charles B. Shellenbarger, brother of the subject, and associated with him in business, will be found on another page of this work.

LLOYD ODELL MIZER.

The qualities of an individual that make for success in this life do not have to be of transcendent character to enable him to accomplish important undertakings. It is more the way he does it and the skill he employs in grasping the opportunities presented, than to any remarkable qualities possessed by him. One of the successful young business men of Bladensburg, Knox county, who has won a definite goal in life as a result of his close application and good management, rather than to inherited ability or the assistance of influential friends is Lloyd Odell Mizer, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on August 3, 1873. He is the son of Alfred L. and Mary (Clarnahan) Mizer, both natives of Coshocton county and each representing pioneer families of that locality. There they grew to maturity, received such education as the early schools afforded and were married. The father has devoted his life principally to farming, having come to Jackson township, Knox county, in 1882, where he has since resided, becoming the owner of an excellent farm, and where he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. For a fuller history of the parents of the immediate subject of this sketch the reader is referred to the record of Alfred L. Mizer, appearing on another page of this work.

Lloyd O. Mizer grew up on his father's farm where he helped with the general work when of proper age, and he received his education in the public schools of Holmes county, later attending the Stricker school in Knox county, also the schools of Bladensburg, having moved to this county with his parents in 1882.

Mr. Mizer engaged in the manufacture of cheese in northern Ohio and Michigan for a period of ten years, and he then moved to Newcastle and started a general store, where he remained two years and ten months, then, in the fall of 1908, he came to Bladensburg and resumed merchandising in partnership with Mr. Rine, who later sold out to Mr. Hull, and here the subject has remained, having built up a large and growing trade with the

town and surrounding country. He has always carried a carefully selected stock of goods and treated his many customers with every consideration, winning thereby their friendship as well as their good will.

In politics, Mr. Mizer is independent. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

Mr. Mizer was married in Swanton, to Estella Smith, a native of Fulton county, and the daughter of Gilbert Smith, a resident of Swanton. The mother's people were residents of Michigan. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mizer, namely: Lawrence, Lenore and Gilbert.

ALFRED L. MIZER.

It is very often found in this country that our captains of industry, leaders in statesmanship and other vocations and avocations possess no higher ability than thousands of other citizens. They have simply taken better advantage of their circumstances than their fellows. And this truth runs through every occupation. The agriculturist who rises above his neighboring tillers of the soil does so because he has found out how to rise above the surroundings and conditions which hold others down. Such a farmer is Alfred L. Mizer, of Jackson township, and for thirty years one of the honored citizens of southeastern Knox county.

Mr. Mizer was born in Crawford township, Coshocton county, Ohio, August 4, 1847. He is the son of John and Julia Ann (Leathrow) Mizer. His paternal grandparents, Jacob and ——— (Faucler) Mizer, were natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew to maturity, received their education in the old-time schools, and were married. From there they came to Coshocton county, Ohio, very early, and entered government land, which they improved into a good farm, which is still in possession of the Mizer family, and there they both spent the rest of their lives. The paternal great-grandfather was also named Jacob. The maternal grandparents, John Leathrow and wife, were natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Ohio in one of the old-fashioned English four-horse wagons, and located in Mill Creek township, Coshocton county, and there they spent the rest of their lives. Mr. Leathrow was twice married.

John and Julia Ann Mizer, parents of the subject, were born in Coshocton county, this state, he in 1817 and she in 1822, and there they grew up, were educated and married. The father devoted his life to farming, entering government land during the administration of Andrew Jackson. He

also owned other land there. He finally moved to Monroe township, Coshocton county, where he became the owner of one hundred and twenty-eight acres at his death in 1891. Politically, he was a Democrat, but was never an office holder. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Their family consisted of five children, three of whom are living, namely: Jacob S., of Fulton county; John E., of Butler township, Knox county; and Alfred L., of this sketch. The latter was too young to serve in the Civil war, but the other two sons were soldiers in the Union army.

The mother of the subject died in 1850, and the father remarried, but the second union was without issue.

Alfred L. Mizer was reared on the one farm and received his education in the public schools. He has devoted his life to farming, first renting awhile, and in 1876 he bought twenty acres in Holmes county, and he lived there until 1882, when he moved to Jackson township, Knox county, where he bought eighty acres. To this he later added another eighty, and he still owns the one hundred and sixty acres, which he has placed under excellent improvements and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has built here a fine dwelling, substantial barn and other buildings.

Politically, Mr. Mizer is a Republican, but he has lately been an independent voter. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Mizer was married on February 16, 1873, to Mary M. Carnahan, a native of Coshocton county and the daughter of Adam and Harriet (Smith) Carnahan, who were old settlers there, from Virginia, Mr. Carnahan having been a slave-holder before the Civil war. His death occurred in Coshocton county, and his wife died at the home of the subject in 1891, at the advanced age of ninety years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mizer nine children have been born, named as follows: Lloyd; Odell, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Laura, Cyrus F., Hattie, Howard, Roy, Everett, Alice M. and James Elmer.

ISAAC LEEDY.

No state has sent so many of its enterprising native sons to Knox county as Pennsylvania. This may have been due partly to the fact that the two states lie in close proximity; but the reason for their coming here is of little consequence—the fact that they have come within our borders, cast

their lot with us and assisted in developing the material, civic and moral conditions here is the main question, for they have almost without exception been men of sterling characteristics, courageous, patient, enduring and honorable, so that we are greatly indebted to them.

One of this worthy band in Isaac Leedy, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1827, the son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Zook) Leedy. The paternal grandfather, Abraham Leedy, was probably a native of Switzerland and he came to America very early, locating in York, Pennsylvania, according to family tradition, and there he spent the balance of his life. Samuel Leedy, brother of Abraham, settled in Virginia, and established the Virginia branch of this family which for generations has figured more or less prominently in the affairs of the section of the Old Dominion where they have resided. It is believed that the maternal grandparents of the subject were natives of Switzerland, from which country they emigrated to America and were early settlers in Pennsylvania.

Abraham Leedy, father of the subject, was born in Pennsylvania, April 5, 1789, and there also occurred the birth of the subject's mother, on March 25, 1791. They were married on February 23, 1812. The father devoted his life to farming and in September, 1829, he moved to Ohio, and entered government land in Berlin township; there he built his cabin in the woods, began clearing and in due course of time had a good farm, with the help of his nine sons. He became the owner of five hundred or six hundred acres, probably four hundred acres of which were in one tract, and he was one of of the substantial and progressive farmers and influential citizens of that part of the county, and there he spent the rest of his life, dying on March 8, 1860, his widow surviving until January 24, 1864. They were members of the old Dunkard church and were devout people. Mr. Leedy was exempted from draft in the Civil war owing to his advanced age. Politically, he was a Democrat, but, preferring a quiet life, he never sought public office, though he once served as supervisor. His family consisted of nine sons and two daughters, only two of whom are living in 1912, Isaac, of this sketch, and a sister, Susanna, who was married first to David Garber, and lastly to Dr. Stephen Dyer; she now lives with her daughter. The father is remembered as a very hospitable, charitable and public spirited man whom to know was to respect and admire. He was always good to the poor, never turning any one away from his door who needed help.

Isaac Leedy was educated in the common schools of Berlin township and reared on the home farm, where he worked hard during the summer time when growing to manhood, thus grew up amid pioneer conditions and has lived to see the wonderful development of the country, taking no little

part in the transformation of the same. He worked for his father for several years without pay, and when twenty-four years old he married, and thereupon rented the home farm in partnership with his brothers. When his brother Jacob moved away, the subject took over the entire farm. Now the father, getting advanced in years, desired to dispose of most of his land, having too much to look after easily, so on an appointed day all the sons and daughters met and divided up the place in a manner that was satisfactory all around, making ample provision for the old folks. In this manner the subject got his real start in life, and he has never done anything but follow agricultural pursuits, and through his industry and good management he accumulated one of the finest farms in the township and a competency. Recently he retired from the active duties of life and is now living in honorable retirement, enjoying the fruits of his former years of labor. His place consists of over two hundred and forty acres and is well improved and has always been under a high state of cultivation. Following his father's example, he gave each of his children two thousand dollars, thus giving them a good start in life.

Politically, Mr. Leedy was a Democrat up to 1884, when he became a Prohibitionist and has been active in the ranks of the same. He is a member of the Grange and he and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

Mr. Leedy was married on December 25, 1881, to Nancy Rostater, who was born on September 30, 1828, and to this union ten children were born, named as follows: Elias, deceased; William, the third child, died in infancy; Elizabeth; Martha is deceased; Caleb, Hannah, Emily and Joshua are deceased; Susanna.

The wife and mother passed to her rest on March 4, 1866, and on October 23, 1866, Mr. Leedy was united in marriage with Lovina Wolfe, who was born on March 16, 1838. To this second union seven children were born, namely: Minerva; Noah is deceased; Normanda A. is deceased; she was a twin of Mary E.; the next child died in infancy; Samuel A. and Verdia A.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DELONG.

One of the best known tillers of the soil in Butler township, Knox county, one of her worthy native sons and one of the connecting links between the pioneer epoch and the present is Benjamin Franklin Delong. He has seen the growth of this locality and has played well his part in the same, never hesitating in his support of all material, civic and moral movements that

were fostered for the general good of the locality, and he has led such an exemplary life that he has won the respect of all who know him, being somewhat old-fashioned in his ideas of sterling honesty and in following the Golden Rule.

Mr. Delong was born in Knox county, Ohio, on August 21, 1839, and is the son of John and Mary Ann (Schultz) Delong. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and ——— (Shafer) Delong, he a native of Pennsylvania, from which state he came to Knox county and entered government land, two or three hundred acres, and here became well established.

The father of the subject was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, and the mother in Pennsylvania, from which state she came to Knox county when a child, here grew to womanhood and was married.

John Delong also entered land from the government, and when a boy he worked on the canal for some time and assisted in building Kenyon College, but after his marriage he took up farming for a livelihood and owned a good farm of one hundred and forty acres at the time of his death, which occurred in the early fifties. The mother's death occurred about 1899, having reached an advanced age. They were the parents of eight children, an equal number of sons and daughters, of whom two sons and two daughters are now living.

Benjamin F. Delong was reared on the home farm and when very young made a hand in the fields during crop seasons, and in the brief winter months he received such education as he could in the schools of his day. He took up farming for his life work, and after renting awhile bought a farm of one hundred acres in Butler township about 1880, and in 1889 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in that township. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and has a very comfortable home.

Politically, Mr. Delong is a Republican, and he has been more or less active in public affairs. He has held a number of the local offices, such as township trustee, always with satisfaction to the people. He belongs to the Grange, and was formerly a member of the Disciples church, in which his wife still holds membership.

Mr. Delong was married on January 18, 1866, to Katherine Ealy, a native of Knox county and the daughter of Benjamin and Maria (Stotts) Ealy, old settlers here from Pennsylvania, he having come in pioneer times as a child with his parents and here he grew to manhood. The mother was born in Knox county and here grew to maturity and they were married here and began life on the farm, finally becoming owners of several hundred acres of good land. They had ten children, five of whom are living, namely: Louis,

Joseph, Katherine (wife of Mr. Delong of this sketch), Maria, Benjamin, of Delaware county, Ohio. Mr. Ealy was a strong Democrat and always active in public affairs.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Delong were Peter and Polly (Horn) Ealy, and her maternal grandparents were Joseph Statts and wife, of Irish descent.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Delong, namely: Zora Ellen, wife of Marion Cullison, Louis B., and Mary, wife of Dan C. McLarnan.

CHARLES H. BEACH.

Having been identified with the general advancement of the southeastern part of Knox county all his life, Charles H. Beach is entitled to special mention in a work of this nature. He has attained gratifying results as a recompense for the industry he has expended in connection with the development of the resources of one of the most favored localities of the Buckeye state, owning one of the most productive landed estates in Jackson township.

Mr. Beach was born in Harrison township, Knox county, August 6, 1854. He is the son of Thomas and Margaret Jane (Moore) Beach, both natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Ohio while still single and they were married in Coshocton county. Later they moved to Knox county and here became the owner of a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He devoted his life to farming and he lived a quiet, home life, giving his time and attention exclusively to his farm and his family. Through hard work and the exercise of such principles as always win, he became very comfortably established.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beach, all of whom are living. The death of the father occurred in 1905 and the mother died about 1891.

Charles H. Beach grew up on the home farm and there made himself useful in his boyhood days. He received his education in the public schools of Harrison township. He earned his first money by working by the month, which he continued on various farms for about six years. He was economical and in time had a fair start, so in 1891 he bought seventy-two acres of good land in Jackson township and here he has been carrying on general farming and stock raising to the present time, and is constantly improving his place. He has a good home, his buildings being in good condition, having been remodeled from time to time.

Mr. Beach is a Republican in politics, but he has never aspired to public life or sought office. However, he has twice been supervisor of roads in his community.

Mr. Beach was married in 1883 to Mary Ann Horn, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Horn, one of the early families of Harrison township, this county, where Mrs. Beach's grandparents, Joseph and Susan Horn, settled about 1810, thus for over a century the name Horn has been a familiar one in this locality. They originally lived in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparents, George and Mary Adrian, were also natives of Pennsylvania and very early settlers in Knox county. The parents of Mrs. Beach were born, reared and married in Knox county and here Mr. Horn became the owner of about four hundred acres of good land and ranked as one of the substantial farmers of the community. His death occurred on October 9, 1910, having survived his wife over a quarter of a century, she having died on March 10, 1883. Mrs. Beach is one of a family of ten children, all of whom are living.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beach, named as follows: Curtis lives in South Dakota; Beatrice, Sadie, Clifford, Ida, Hattie and Elmer Leroy.

GEORGE ALLEN.

In all that constitutes true manhood and good citizenship George Allen, a venerable tiller of the soil in Jackson township, Knox county, is a notable example and none stands higher than he in the esteem and confidence of the community. His career has been characterized by duty faithfully performed and by industry, thrift and wisely directed efforts he has acquired a comfortable share of this world's goods, besides earning a reputation which has never been clouded by the commission of a single unworthy act. His experiences through his long life have indeed been varied, not infrequently interesting and sometimes exciting. He grew up amid pioneer conditions, where weaklings could not well thrive, where it took courage and perseverance, and he was one of the sturdy band that crossed the great plains of the West during the California gold fever days. He is a man of many commendable virtues.

Mr. Allen was born in Monroe county, Ohio, March 24, 1831. He is the son of Elias and Mary (McClarnan) Allen, the father a native of Virginia. The paternal grandfather moved to Monroe county, Ohio, in a very early day. He was a farmer and he entered school land there, which he developed and on which he raised his eleven children. His family consisted of twelve children, one of whom died in early life. The Allen family moved to

Knox county in 1832 and settled in Butler township and there became well established on a farm.

George Allen, of this sketch, grew up on the home farm and when but a lad he went to work in the fields, clearing timber, breaking new ground and helping with the general work. He received such education as he could in the old-time log school house near his boyhood home, and in early life he took up farming for a livelihood. In 1852 he joined the tide of fortune hunters and drove overland to California, the trip requiring ninety days, and he met with a fair measure of success in the gold fields, returning to Ohio four years later with about fourteen hundred dollars. He talks very interestingly of his experiences in the Pacific coast country. A few years after his return to his native state he bought the original homestead of his father, one hundred and sixty acres in Butler township, and this he has kept well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, carrying on general farming and stock raising. During the Civil war he went to Illinois, where he bought and sold live stock. After his marriage he bought out his father-in-law, one hundred and sixty acres, also in Butler township, Knox county. Then he bought land in Jackson township, and has been buying and adding to it from time to time until he is now the owner of about seven hundred acres of valuable land, all of which he keeps well improved, and he has long carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, and is one of the substantial and progressive agriculturists of the southeastern part of the county. He raises and prepares for market cattle, sheep and hogs. He leaves the active management of his place to his sons, merely overseeing his affairs in a general way. He has accumulated a competency through his industry and good management.

Politically, Mr. Allen is independent, preferring to vote for the candidate best qualified for the office sought rather than for the party. He has always supported any measure looking to the general upbuilding of his community and his influence has been salutary.

Mr. Allen was married about 1868 to Julia Ann Ashcraft, a native of Butler township, Knox county, where she was reared and educated. She was the daughter of Jesse Ashcraft, an old settler, having come to Butler township from Coshocton county. There Mrs. Allen grew to womanhood and attended the public schools.

To the subject and wife three children have been born, namely: Mary Ann, wife of Manuel Rine, who lives in Butler township and is the mother of two children; Philip and James Allen are both single and living at home, operating the farm and they are young men of much promise in a business way.

J. E. MISER.

Another of the honored veterans of the great Union army who, when Fort Sumter was fired upon by the hosts of treason on that memorable day in 1861, unhesitatingly forsook his hearthstone and all the sacred things of home and went bravely to the sanguinary fields of the Southland, there to "do and die" in the cause of right, "that the nation under God might live," was J. E. Miser, one of Knox county's well known farmers and stock men, whose finely improved landed estate lies in Butler township. He has always enjoyed the good will and respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances as a result of his public spirit, his industry and upright character; so, for divers reasons, there is peculiar consonance in giving his life record specific position in this volume.

Mr. Miser was born in Chili, Coshocton county, Ohio, on February 15, 1842. He is the son of John and Julia Ann (Leathrow) Miser. The paternal grandparents, Jacob and Margaret Miser, were natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Coshocton county, Ohio, in a very early day and here spent the balance of their lives. The maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth Leathrow, were born in Harrison county and they came to Coshocton county in a very early day and there lived and died and are buried at Keane.

The parents of the subject were both born in Coshocton county, and there they grew to maturity and were married. Jacob Miser devoted his life to farming and became the owner of one hundred and twelve acres. Politically, he was a Democrat. His family consisted of five children, four sons and one daughter, three of whom are living, namely: J. E., of this sketch; A. L. and Jacob, of Fulton county.

J. E. Miser was educated at the Whip-poor-will school house, Crawford township, Coshocton county, Ohio, and he was reared on the home farm where he made himself generally useful as he was growing up. When a young man he began life by renting land for two years, then bought three and one-fourth acres. Two years later he bought sixty acres in Coshocton county, to which he added ten acres. In connection with farming he began operating a threshing machine, later selling out and began dealing in land, which he has continued at intervals ever since. He has been very successful as a general farmer, stock raiser and trader, and he is now the owner of one of the choice farms of his township, consisting of two hundred and fifty-seven and one-half acres, in Butler township, which he has brought up to a high state of improvements and cultivation. He makes a specialty of sheep

raising, also horses. He has a good home and convenient outbuildings, everything about his place denoting thrift and excellent taste.

Politically, Mr. Miser is a Republican and he has served as supervisor of his township. He has long been a member of the Lutheran church, but is not active in the same. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, which he has served as commander. He has a long military record, having served most faithfully as a soldier in the Federal army for five years and four months, having enlisted in Company G, Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in 1861. He was in the Pioneer Corps, of the Thirteenth Division, and he was with General Sherman on his march to the sea and saw during his term of enlistment much hard service.

Mr. Miser was married on December 26, 1866, to Mary Vote, a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, the daughter of Peter Vote and wife, but Mrs. Miser was reared by an uncle. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miser, named as follows: The eldest child died in infancy; William, Milan, Emma Jane, Flora Ellen, Alfred, Martin, Lulie, Ed., Dugg and Lee.

WILLIAM SNYDER.

Butler township, Knox county, has few more scientific farmers than William Snyder, who has been wise enough to remain in his native community, knowing that few better could be found for his vocation, and here he has not only labored well in his field of endeavor, but he has done his share in promoting the general welfare of the people in a public way, never withholding his support from measures calculated to advance the good of all, and therefore he is held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends.

Mr. Snyder was born in Union township, this county, on November 3, 1857, and is the son of Samuel and Grace (Workman) Snyder. The paternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania and it was about 1845 that they came to Ohio, locating in Knox, where he farmed and here they spent the balance of their lives. The maternal grandparents were also very early settlers of this county.

The father of the subject was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio with his father and here engaged in farming. The mother was born in Coshocton county. They were the parents of five children, namely: William, of this review; Ollie died when one year old; James L., Samantha and Emily. The father lived a quiet, retired life, giving his attention to his farm and his family. He and his wife were members of the Disciples church.

William Snyder was educated in the public schools of Union township and was reared on the home farm, where he worked when a boy. He began life for himself by working on a farm by the month, later rented land and he is now renting one hundred and sixty acres, his brother's farm. He is at this writing contemplating buying a good farm in this vicinity. He carries on general farming and breeds Belgian horses, which he occasionally exhibits at the Mt. Vernon county fair. He is a good judge of live stock, especially horses. Politically, he is an independent voter, and he and his wife belong to the Disciples church.

Mr. Snyder was married in 1881 to Matilda Tope, by whom two children were born, one dying in infancy; Matthew grew to manhood and married Minerva Lepley.

William Snyder was twice married. His last wife, in 1887, was Rebecca Tope, a sister of his first wife, and by her he had one son, Curtis. This wife dying about 1893, Mr. Snyder was again married, about 1904, to Minnie Meredith, a native of Knox county, and to this last union one son was also born, Clyde Meredith.

J. B. BUSENBURG.

Upon the roll of representative farmers of the eastern part of Knox county consistently appears the name of J. B. Busenburg, a man who seems to have inherited from his sterling Pennsylvania-Dutch ancestors many qualities that make for success in any field of endeavor, such as perseverance, close application, unflagging industry and unswerving honesty, and he has therefore won and retained the good will and respect of all his neighbors and friends.

Mr. Busenburg was born in Knox county, Ohio, September 15, 1861. He is the son of Peter and Caroline (Woods) Busenburg. The parental grandparents, Isaac Busenburg and wife, were natives of Pennsylvania, and they came to Knox county, Ohio, in a very early day, locating in Butler township and there entered land from the government, and there they spent the balance of their lives. The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, the latter's maiden name having been Riley, were also natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers in Knox county. The parents of the subject were both born in Knox county, and here they grew to maturity and were married. Mr. Busenburg was a farmer and became an extensive land owner and one of the substantial and well known citizens of this part of the county.

His home farm consisted of about two hundred acres. His family numbered seven, five of whom are still living. Politically, he was a Democrat, but not a public man, never seeking office. His death occurred about 1896. His widow, a worthy member of the Disciples church, is still living, having passed her eighty-third birthday on September 9, 1911.

J. B. Busenburg, of this sketch, was educated in the public schools and reared on the home farm, and early in life he took up farming for a livelihood and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He first worked by the year, then rented land, and about 1901 he bought a farm of one hundred acres in Butler township, and here he has since resided. He keeps good live stock and has a pleasant home, and his place is modernly improved.

Politically, Mr. Busenburg is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to public offices. His wife belongs to the Baptist church.

Mr. Busenburg was married in 1883 to Eliza Jane Wharton, a native of Knox county and the daughter of William Wharton, who came from England and here became very well established. The subject's wife grew to womanhood and was educated in her native county. To this union four children have been born, namely: Bessie, Dora (the wife of Robert Rodeheffer), Bart and Walter.

JAMES WALTER SCOTT MITCHELL.

A very creditable and worthy representative of one of the sterling old families of Knox county is James Walter Scott Mitchell, successful young farmer of Union township, a man who has succeeded at his chosen life work because he has not depended upon anyone to do his work, believing in being self-reliant, honest and straightforward in all the relations of life and he is therefore deserving of the confidence and good will of his fellow men.

Mr. Mitchell was born on the farm he now owns in Union township, January 26, 1881, and is the son of W. O. C. and Sarah Ellen (Boyer) Mitchell. The paternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Allen county. He was a farmer and there spent the rest of his life, dying many years ago. The maternal grandparents were natives of England and early settlers in Auglaize county and there spent the rest of his life. The father of the subject was born in Allen county, Ohio, in 1831 and the mother in 1839. He was a carpenter by trade and a stock shipper, which he followed until 1876, when he came to Knox county and engaged in the milling busi-

ness at Millwood. About four years later he traded the mill for a farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Union and Butler townships and there spent the balance of his life, having sold about fifty acres of his farm prior to his death to the Millwood White Sand Company. His death occurred in March, 1907. The mother is still living at the age of seventy-two years. Politically, he was a Democrat, and a man who took an active part in political and public affairs. He was the man who founded the special Millwood district and made it possible to have a high school here. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church, having joined the Millwood church soon after coming to this locality. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Moses Mac McCoy, John Marion Alfonso, Charles Delmont, Minnie Milinda Rose, Mary Jane Eugene is deceased; Royal Noble Desmond, and James Walter Scott, of this review.

James W. S. Mitchell, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm and received his education in the Millwood and Danville high school, graduating in the year 1902. Early in life, while living at Sand Plant, he learned the machinist's trade, but he took up farming, which has been his chief life work. He and his brother, Moses Mac, bought one hundred and twenty-five acres of the home place, and the subject also owns twenty acres in Butler township. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock man, being widely known as a breeder of Delaine sheep and Percheron horses, also has bred Welsh ponies, and because his stock has been of superior grade they have found a very ready market.

Politically, Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat. He has filled a number of township offices, such as trustee for one term, and is now school director in Millwood, a special district. During camp meeting seasons Mr. Mitchell rents the "Caves" (a resort) to religious societies for revival purposes. His wife is a member of the Disciples church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Patrons of Industry and the Maccabees.

Mr. Mitchell was married in 1902 to Alma Beal, a native of Knox county, where she grew up and was educated. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Phoebe (Stricker) Beal, he a veteran of the Civil war and still living. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, namely: Robert Ottowa, Charlotte Rosale and Benjamin Gordon.

The father of the subject was one of the best known and most influential men in this section of Knox county. In connection with farming, which for years he superintended, while his sons did the actual work, he conducted a general store at the Caves, enjoying a good trade.

HODGSON WILSON.

We are much indebted to England for what she has done toward our civilization, the influence she has had on our institutions, literature and material progress. Most of us are descended from English people, our progenitors having left that country and taken up their abode in the New World some time during the past four hundred years. They have proved to be good citizens in whatever locality they have settled, for they are, as a rule, people of clean habits, industrious and ambitious, and they are also loyal to our flag, while of course never failing to revere the Union Jack, and large numbers of them have fought in our wars.

One of the worthy representatives of this great people is Hodgson Wilson, a farmer of Butler township, Knox county. He was born in England, March 10, 1847. He is the son of Walker and Jane (Hodgson) Wilson, both natives of England, where they grew up and were married, and from there they came to America in 1851, locating in Knox county, Ohio. The elder Wilson was a farmer and he came to own about one hundred acres of land in Ohio and one hundred and sixty acres in Illinois. They reared a family of eight children, of whom three are living, Hodgson, of this sketch, Chapman and Mrs. Margaret Lipley.

Politically, Walker Wilson was a Republican and was active in party affairs. He was born in December, 1823, and his death occurred on May 18, 1871, his widow surviving until 1878.

Hodgson Wilson received his education in the common schools of Newcastle, Ohio, and in the school at Fostoria, Missouri. Early in life he devoted his attention to teaching in Knox and Coshocton counties and was very successful as an educator for a number of years, but finally, tiring of the school room, he turned his attention to farming and was very successful in this vocation here and in Effingham county, Illinois. About 1881 he bought thirty-two and one-half acres in Butler township, Knox county, though prior to this he had inherited eighty acres in Illinois. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-two and one-half acres in Knox county and eighty acres in Oklahoma. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock man, and is well known as a breeder of Jersey cattle.

Politically, Mr. Wilson is an independent voter, believing in progress in public affairs as well as material and social. He has been a member of the school board and for two years has been justice of the peace, filling this office in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned, his decisions being characterized by a profound knowledge

of the law and by fairness to all concerned. He is a member of the Grange and the Patrons of Industry. Mr. Wilson has never married.

On February 29, 1864, Mr. Wilson proved his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served gallantly until the 30th of June, 1865. He did a great deal of guard duty and special detail work, and was in the battle of Nashville.

NEWTON S. CESSNA.

One of the leading farmers and stockmen of eastern Knox county is Newton S. Cessna, whose fine landed estate lies in Butler township, a man who has had a varied and interesting career which has been fraught with a large measure of success all along the line, for he has shown rare adaptability, foresight and general business acumen. He has lived an exemplary life in all its relations and has therefore merited the good will and esteem which are freely accorded him by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Cessna was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, July 9, 1860, and is the son of John W. and Harriet E. (Carson) Cessna. The maternal grandparents, George and Nettie Carson, were residents of Berlin Center, Mahoning county, Ohio, where he was justice of the peace for a period of twenty-five years, and there they both died. The paternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania and were of old Pennsylvania German descent, and they spent their lives in Ohio.

The father, John W. Cessna, was born in Mahoning county and there, too, his wife, Harriet E. Carson, was born; there they grew up and were married. He was a contractor for stone and brick work. After living in their native county for a few years after their marriage, they moved to Trumbull county, where he continued the same business. There he built his home and reared his family and both parents died there, the father about 1901 and the mother in October, 1909. John W. Cessna was a soldier in the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry during three years of the Civil war. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and politically was a Republican. His family consisted of three children: Melinda, wife of James Kerr, who lives in Niles; Clara lives in Warren, Ohio; and Newton S. of this sketch.

Newton S. Cessna was educated in Niles, Ohio, and at the Mineral Ridge high school. He began life for himself by teaching school one year,

then was employed by the Erie railroad as trainman for a year, then went to Cleveland for the same road and there he later bought out a teaming interest, delivering goods and working for the Variety Iron Works for a period of ten years He then took a position with A. List & Son, poultry dealers, taking charge of their wholesale house, which he continued to manage with his usual success for a period of three years. In the spring of 1903 he went to New Mexico and engaged in sheep raising, which he continued until 1909. He met with uniform success in this new field and operated on an extensive scale. In the fall of 1908 he had as many as ten thousand sheep on his ranch and he shipped over fifty-one thousand pounds of wool to Boston. He sold out in 1909 when wool and sheep were high, and returned to Cleveland and there engaged in building and selling houses and lots, and soon had a very flourishing business. In the spring of 1911 his father-in-law, William B. Butler, died, and, as per his will, Mr. Cessna came here to take charge of his property, and the subject and family now own by inheritance and will two hundred and sixty-eight acres of as choice land as the county affords. This has been brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation, and on it stand a commodious and attractive home and large convenient outbuildings. It is Mr Cessna's intention to make a specialty of raising Merino sheep in connection with general farming.

Mr. Cessna was married on October 14, 1905, to Mrs. Mary W. Hauger, a native of Knox county, where she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is a lady of many estimable characteristics which has rendered her popular with a wide circle of friends. She is the daughter of William R. and Martha E. Butler, he being an old and highly respected resident of Knox county, and the son of George Butler and the grandson of Benjamin, who laid out Mt. Vernon. This, the Butler family, has been more or less prominent in Knox county history for more than a century. The union of the subject and wife has been graced by one daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, born April 14, 1907.

JOHN FREDERICK AMOS.

The enterprise of John Frederick Amos, one of the progressive farmers and stock raisers of Middlebury township, Knox county, has been crowned by success, as the result of rightly applied principles which never fail in their ultimate effect when coupled with integrity, uprightness and congenial disposition, as they have been done in the case of Mr. Amos, judging from his high standing among his neighbors and friends.

Mr. Amos was born in Perry township, Richland county, Ohio, August 26, 1850, and is the son of Frederick and Margaret (Shafer) Amos. The paternal grandparents, Frederick and Elizabeth Amos, were natives of Maryland, and in 1836 they came to Richland county from Pennsylvania, where they had first located. Here they bought a farm and spent the balance of their lives in Ohio. The maternal grandparents, Frederick and Eve Shafer, were natives of Pennsylvania and in 1830 or 1832 they came to Ohio, locating in Richland county, where they became large landowners and there they spent the rest of their lives.

The father, Frederick Amos, was born in Hartford county, Maryland, June 16, 1809, and the mother, Margaret Shafer, was born about 1819 or 1820 and she came to Ohio in early life. These parents were married about 1841 or 1842. The father took up farming and owned good land. In 1869 he came to Knox county and bought ninety acres in Middlebury township and on this he and his wife spent the balance of their lives, his death occurring in 1891. His first wife dying in 1859, he re-married in 1861. His family consisted of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Amanda M., Joshua, Mary E. (deceased), John T., Albert D. (deceased), and Frank P. The father was reared a Baptist, while the mother belonged to the Lutheran church.

John F. Amos was reared on the home farm and there worked hard as a boy, and he received his education in the common schools and the Fredericktown high school. He began life for himself by teaching, which he continued very successfully for eight years during the winter months, farming in the summer time. Tiring of the school room, he turned his attention exclusively to farming. In 1891 he bought the home place of ninety-one acres in partnership with his brother Frank P., and here he has lived to the present time, meeting with continued success as a general farmer and stock raiser, adding to his original holdings until he now owns one hundred and sixty-one acres of excellent land, well improved and under an excellent state of cultivation, as choice a farm, in fact, as Middlebury township has to offer. In connection with general farming he makes a specialty of raising and feeding sheep. He has a good home and well kept outbuildings.

Politically, Mr. Amos is a Republican and he has been township trustee and a member of the local school board. He always supports any measure looking to the general development of his community. Fraternally, he belongs to Lodge No. 170, Free and Accepted Masons. He formerly belonged to the Baptist church at Fredericktown.

Mr. Amos was married on October 8, 1874, to Mary E. McNutt, who

was born near Canton, Stark county, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah McNutt, from Zanesville, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, respectively, who later moved to Knox county and here they spent the rest of their lives, becoming well established and highly esteemed here. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Amos, namely: Howard T., who is still at home.

J. W. CALLIHAN.

There is now taken under review the career of one of the sterling citizens of Milford township, Knox county, J. W. Callihan, who has passed his long and industrious life in this excellent section of the Buckeye state and where he has ever commanded unequivocal confidence and esteem. The name which he bears has been prominently identified with the annals of the locality since the days when the work of redeeming the sylvan wilds of this section of the state was inaugurated, the Callihans having ever stood ready to do their full share in the work of pushing forward the car of civilization. The subject is numbered among our upright and progressive citizens; thus it may be seen for many reasons that he is peculiarly worthy of representation in a work of this character.

Mr. Callihan was born near Croton, Licking county, Ohio, on October 27, 1839. He is the son of Stephen and Susan (Morehouse) Callihan. The paternal grandparents, Thomas and Hannah Callihan, were natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, his father having been a native of Ireland. Thomas and Hannah Callihan came to Licking county, Ohio, about 1811 or 1812 and bought a farm and there reared their family, a large one, and there these parents spent the balance of their lives.

The mother of the subject was born in Maryland about 1817 and when ten years old she came to Licking county, Ohio, with an uncle and here she was reared. The father was born in 1815 in Licking county and was reared there and married. He devoted his life to farming and became the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and ninety-four acres. They were the parents of six children, of whom J. W., of this review, was the second in order of birth and the only one living. Politically, Stephen Callihan was a Whig in early life, later a Republican and Abolitionist. He removed to Knox county in 1854 and here spent the remainder of his life, dying on March 29, 1878; his wife survived until July 4, 1890. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

J. W. Callihan was reared on the farm and when but a boy he knew what hard work meant. He received such education as he could in the rural schools of his district, and for ten winters he taught school in a most satisfactory manner, working on the farm in the summer months. At the commencement of the Civil war he attended Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware for one term. He finally purchased eighty acres in Milford township, and, having prospered through close application and good management, he added to his original holdings until he is now the owner of five hundred acres of valuable and desirable land in this township, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation, in fact, it ranks with the best landed estates in southwestern Knox county, and here he carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He has a large, attractive and cozy home, and everything about his place denotes thrift, prosperity and the exercise of good taste.

Politically, Mr. Callihan is a Republican, and he has been more or less active in public affairs. He has served as township clerk, trustee and other offices.

Mr. Callihan has never married; his niece, Florence Collins, keeps house for him. She is the daughter of Sabra Callihan, wife of Austin Collins. Her mother died on July 2, 1911, and her father died a number of years ago.

STANLEY A. LAYMAN.

One of the enterprising young agriculturists of Knox county is Stanley A. Layman, of Pike township, a man who is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished because he has relied solely upon himself, not depending upon inherited wealth or influential friends, for he had neither; but well knowing that success comes to the deserving, after all, and that our lives are practically what we make them, he started out bravely and has not permitted obstacles to thwart him in his course. He has not only won material success at an early age, but at the same time has won and retained the respect and good will of his associates and acquaintances.

Mr. Layman was born in Pike township, this county, on February 12, 1881. He grew up in his native locality and has always made his home in the county of Knox. He received his educational training in the schools of North Liberty. When fourteen years of age he began working by the month on a farm, continuing thus until 1900.

Believing that railroading held special charms for him, at least held more excitement than the prosaic life of a farmer, he sought and secured employment on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in 1900, working as fireman, for which he seemed to have special adaptation, and he bid fair to rise rapidly in the service of the company, but after remaining in this line of endeavor for thirteen months, he quit the road and turned his attention to threshing and baling hay and straw. During two summers he did painting and carpenter work.

In December, 1911, Mr. Layman formed a partnership with A. R. Beal in the general merchandise business and is still thus engaged. They carry a well selected stock of goods such as meet the needs and wants of the average farmer and they are building up a large and ever-growing trade with the people of Pike township. They bought out J. M. Lewis, who had managed a store here for some time.

Mr. Layman was married on January 25, 1911, to Elizabeth Belle VanWye, a daughter of Burr and Emily VanWye, a highly respected and well known family of this township, where they have long been engaged in farming. Here Mrs. Layman grew to womanhood and received her education. Mr. Layman and wife are members of the Methodist church.

WILLIAM H. LEEDY.

One of the enterprising business men of Knox county is William H. Leedy, of Ankenytown, one of our worthy young native sons whose labors have been directed to successful ends in the land of his forbears, with which he has ever been quite contented. He has led a quiet life and his integrity has always been unassailable. He is one of the representative men of his community, with no ambition for anything but the sphere of a private citizen, and his many friends bear willing testimony to his amiable qualities and sterling characteristics.

Mr. Leedy was born at Ankenytown, Ohio, on March 10, 1873. He is the son of Joseph A. and Elizabeth (Keiser) Leedy, the father born in Pennsylvania in 1825, and the mother in Richland, near Mansfield, Ohio, in 1834. When five years old, in 1830, Joseph A. Leedy was brought by his parents to Knox county, Ohio, and located at Ankenytown, where he grew to manhood and married in that vicinity, and there he took up farming for a livelihood; and, prospering through hard work and close application, he became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land, and was for years re-

garded as one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of his community. He led a retiring life, devoting his attention to his farm and family, manifesting little interest in public affairs. His family consisted of eleven children, of whom William H., of this sketch, was the tenth in order of birth. They are all grown, married and have families of their own. The death of the father occurred in 1902 and the mother died in 1906.

William H. Leedy, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm, where he assisted with the work during his boyhood days, and attended the district schools near his home. Early in life he began farming, which he continued successfully until 1901, when he entered the mercantile business at Ankenytown, near the station, having bought a stock of goods there. He started off successfully in his new field, but subsequently sold out, and in 1906 built a store house, eighteen by forty feet, and here he has since conducted a general store, carrying a large and carefully selected stock of goods, and has enjoyed an ever-increasing trade, his customers coming from a wide radius of territory in this part of the county.

Politically, Mr. Leedy is a Democrat and has been more or less active in party affairs. He has served his township as assessor and treasurer in an able and praiseworthy manner. Fraternally, he belongs to the Maccabees, and in religious matters he and his wife are members of the Brethren church.

Mr. Leedy was married on January 27, 1901, to Belle Guthrie, a native of Ankenytown, having been born just south of here, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education. She is the daughter of John and Rachael Guthrie, the father a native of Pike township, Knox county.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Leedy, named as follows: Florence, Robert, John.

HARRY CLIFFORD BANBURY.

One of the native sons of Knox county who gives much promise of a successful career in the business world is Harry Clifford Banbury, of Greenville, a young man who has by close application and special study prepared himself for a useful career along industrial lines and who couples with an innate tact and sagacity a stability of character and loftiness of purpose which insure for him good things in the years to come.

Mr. Banbury was born in Jefferson township, Knox county, Ohio, two miles north of Danville, January 19, 1881, and is the son of John C. and Eliza (Caldwell) Banbury. His paternal grandparents, Richard Banbury

and wife, were natives of England, from which country they emigrated to America in an early day, locating about two and one-half miles from Danville, Ohio, where they engaged in farming, owning a good place in Union township, on which they spent their last days. The maternal grandparents were also natives of England, emigrating to Knox county, Ohio, at the same time as did the Banbury family. They established themselves near Mt. Vernon, where they spent the balance of their lives.

John C. Banbury, father of the subject, was born in England in 1832, and there the mother's birth occurred in 1836. They came to America with their parents while yet single and were married in Knox county. The father was a farmer and later in life took up stock buying. During the Civil war he enlisted for service in the Federal army, but was not permitted to go to the front, remaining in the Home Guards. He continued to live in Jefferson township and engaged in buying live stock, and at his home there he spent the balance of his days. He was always interested in public affairs and he served as justice of the peace for several years. Politically, he was a Republicn and more or less active in party affairs. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in 1894, and the mother died in 1901. They were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom grew to maturity, and eleven of them are living in 1912.

Harry C. Banbury was educated in the public schools and in the Danville high school. He spent two years in the Ohio State Business College, where he made an excellent record and from which he was graduated in 1900. He started out on his business career with his brother, C. V. Banbury, in the warehouse and grain business at Greenville, this partnership lasting one year. After this the subject went to Santa Ana and there engaged successfully in the grocery business for two years. Then for a period of seven years he was employed by the well known River Brothers, commission merchants of Los Angeles, California, giving them the utmost satisfaction and handling the duties assigned him in a most capable and praiseworthy manner. On June 1, 1911, Mr. Banbury returned to Greersville, Ohio, and is now in the employ of his brother.

Politically, Mr. Banbury is a Republican, but has not been especially active in public matters. Religiously, he belongs to the Dunkard church.

Mr. Banbury was married in 1902 to Hazel Dell Workman, a native of Knox county and the daughter of Barnett and Louise Workman, a prominent old family of this county. Here Mrs. Banbury grew to womanhood and received her educational training in the local schools. Three children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Nellie Lucile, Ramona Dell and Barnetta Louise.

BURGESS E. SAPP.

It is proper to judge of the success of a man's life by the estimation in which he is held by his fellow citizens. They see him at his work, in his family circle, hear his views on public questions, observe the operations of his code of morals, witness how he conducts himself in all the relations of society and civilization, and are therefore competent to judge of his merits and his demerits. After a long course of years of such observations, it would be out of the question for his neighbors not to know of his worth. In this connection it is not too much to say that Burgess E. Sapp, a well-known and prominent attorney of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is leading an honorable, industrious and useful life and that he enjoys the confidence of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Mr. Sapp was born December 27, 1872, in Brinkhaven, this county, the son of William H. and Kamitt (Bailey) Sapp, the former a native of Knox county and the latter of Coshocton county, Ohio, the Sapps being among the early pioneer families here and influential in the affairs of the early days. William J. Sapp devoted his life to farming, and in politics he was a Republican and active in public affairs. About twenty years ago he and his wife left the farm and moved to Mt. Vernon, where they still reside, having been retired since then. The elder Sapp is a man of strong personality and exemplary character and he and his wife have a host of warm personal friends throughout the county.

The son, Burgess E. Sapp, spent his youth on the home farm and attended the district schools, later the Loudenville public schools, from which he was graduated in 1889. Then he entered Baldwin University at Berea, Ohio, which he left during his second year and began teaching school in the district schools of the state, and he was the first township superintendent in Ashland county under the Boxwell law and later he was superintendent of the schools of Brinkhaven for two years. He was a very successful and progressive teacher and his services were in great demand, for he gave eminent satisfaction both to pupil and patron. Had he continued in that vocation he would doubtless have become one of the leading educators of the state, but the legal profession had long had its attractions for him and he entered the offices of Joseph C. Devin of Mt. Vernon, where he pursued Blackstone and other standard legal writers for six months, then entered the law office of Col. William C. Cooper and Frank Moore, remaining with that firm until he was admitted to the bar in October, 1898. He immediately began the

practice of law in Mt. Vernon where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice, taking his place in the front rank of local attorneys, keeping well abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession. He is earnest, painstaking and vigilant of his client's interests and in the trial of cases is persistent, careful and courteous to the court and his opponents.

Politically, Mr. Sapp is a Republican and while he has been active in party affairs he has never sought office, though he was city clerk during the years 1903 and 1904. He has served as a member of the Republican county committee and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

Mr. Sapp was married on May 16, 1899, to Jennette Ruth Neal, daughter of Hugh and Eva (Beum) Neal, of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Neal is a Democrat and he has served as clerk of the courts of Knox county for two terms of six years. He is still active in public affairs and is prominent in local affairs and stands high in all circles. Mr. Sapp and wife have had no children. The family home is at No. 711 East High street, in one of the best residence districts of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Sapp are members of the Disciples church and active in the work of the same; they are both prominent in the best social life of the community.

LEVI S. BRADDOCK.

That period of the nineteenth century embracing the first half was characterized by the emigration of the pioneer element which made the great state of Ohio largely what it is today. These newcomers were heroic, sincere and, in the main, upright people, such as constitute the strength of the commonwealth. It scarcely appears probable that in the future of the world another such period can occur; or, indeed, any period when such a solid phalanx of strong-minded, strong-armed men and noble, self-sacrificing women will take possession of a new country. The period to which reference is made, therefore, can not be too much or too well written up, and the only way to do justice to such a subject is to record the lives of those who led the van of civilzation and founded the institutions which today are the pride and boast of a great state and a strong and virile people. Among those who came to Knox county when the county was in its primitive wildness,

infested by wild animals, numerous and ferocious, and the scarcely less wild but more savage red men, was the Braddock family, of whom the subject of this biography is a worthy descendant, he having long been an actor in the great drama which witnessed the passing of the old and the introduction of new conditions in this locality and here he has been content to spend his life and direct his energies in wresting from a resisting nature the substance wherewith to keep aglow the spark of material life.

Mr. Braddock was born on July 9, 1844, on a farm six miles north of Mt. Vernon. He is the son of John and Margaret (Durbin) Braddock, both born in Knox county, where they grew up and were married, each representing early families who settled here in the woods and carved homes from the wilderness. The father of the subject devoted his life to farming and handling live stock, being for years an extensive shipper of horses and cattle. He was active in local public affairs and a man of upright character. His death was caused from the kick of a horse. He was survived several years by his wife.

Levi S. Braddock grew up on the home farm in Marion township and when but a boy he learned the meaning of hard work, and assisted his father about the place. During the winter months he attended the public schools in his district. He has devoted his life to general farming and to live stock, having long been a well known importer of Belgian and Percheron draft horses. He has been to Europe three times for the purpose of purchasing Percheron horses. He is generally conceded to have the finest bred horses in Knox county; and, owing to the superior quality of the same, his fine stock is much admired by all interested in such. No better judge of a horse could be found in this section of the state than he, and he keeps well up with the times in all matters pertaining to this line of endeavor. He has also been a breeder of Holstein cattle for many years and his herds are the best to be found—as good as any in the state, and better than most. He has done much to improve the breed of both horses and cattle in eastern Ohio, and his fine stock are shipped to various parts of the state.

Mr. Braddock has been twice married, first, in December, 1866, to Elizabeth Brumbaugh, daughter of Daniel and Mary Brumbaugh. By this union two children were born, one of whom died in infancy; the other, Stella, now the wife of Robert Hinken, lives on the old Braddock farm in Morris township. The wife and mother passed away in June, 1883. On December 3, 1884, Mr. Braddock was married to Emma Reeder, daughter of Wilson and Eliza (Haynes) Reeder. To this union four children were born, namely: Minnie married Dwight Dean, of Wayne township, this county; Allen is

living at home; Bessie married Charles Simpkins and they live near Utica, Ohio; Irene has remained at home.

In the spring of 1903 Mr. Braddock left the farm and moved to Mt. Vernon and here, in the suburbs, he has since resided, having a commodious and substantial home, modernly furnished, and he has a large, up-to-date and convenient barn for his fine stock. He has been very successful in a business way and is one of the strong, progressive men of the county.

Politically, Mr. Braddock is a Democrat, but he has never been an office seeker, though interested deeply in local public affairs. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a charter member of the Morris Township Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in church work. The Braddock daughters were all educated in the Mt. Vernon high school and the family is prominent in the social life of the community.

ADAM STITZLEIN.

It seems to be true, generally speaking, that success in this life comes to the deserving, and it also seems to be true that we get out of life just about what we put into it. The individual who inherits a large estate and adds nothing to it can not be enlisted with his successful contemporaries. He that falls heir to a large fortune and increases its value is successful in proportion to the amount he adds to his possessions. But the man who starts in the world unaided and by sheer force of will, controlled by correct principles, forges ahead and at length reaches a position of honor among his fellow citizens, achieves success such as representatives of the two former classes can neither understand nor appreciate. To a considerable extent Adam Stitzlein, well known merchant of Greersville, Knox county, is a creditable representative of the class last named, a class which has furnished much of the bone and sinew of the country and added to the stability of our government and its institutions.

Adam Stitzlein was born in Holmes county, Ohio, April 5, 1860. He is the son of John G. and Mary Barbara (Strang) Stitzlein, both born in Germany, in which country they grew up and were married; and there the father engaged in farming. He emigrated with his family, about the year 1850, to Holmes county, Ohio. Here the father purchased a farm of forty acres, and, prospering, later added to it, until he had an excellent place

and a good home. He and his wife belonged to the German Lutheran church. They were the parents of ten children, an equal number of sons and daughters, of whom Adam, of this sketch, was the youngest.

Adam Stitzlein was educated in the common schools of Greer district, and later the Mansfield Business College. Early in life he selected the field of merchandising for his life labors, and, in order to learn the ins and outs of the business, he sought and secured employment in the general store of a Mr. Lyburg, in Buckeye City, this county, for a short time. Then, in January, 1887, he and his brother, John George Stitzlein, formed a partnership in a general merchandising store in Greersville, this county. In 1890 Mr. W. Hyatt purchased the interest of the subject's brother and remained in partnership with Adam Stitzlein until 1898, when they dissolved partnership, and since then the subject has continued the store alone. He has increased the stock, carrying a fine selection of up-to-date goods, carefully selected; in fact, his is generally recognized as the leading general store in Greersville. He enjoys a large and constantly growing trade with the surrounding country, many of his customers coming many miles, for here they know they always receive courteous consideration. His stock is tastily displayed and everything is under a superb system.

Mr. Stitzlein is a Democrat and takes the interest of a public-spirited citizen in local affairs. He has served very ably and acceptably as township clerk for four terms, then as township treasurer. He is a member of the German Lutheran church.

Mr. Stitzlein was married on April 28, 1892, to Carrie Zylers, who was born at Nashville, Holmes county, Ohio, January 1, 1865. She is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Zylers, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Holmes county, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Stitzlein five children have been born, namely: Claud Jones, Gus H., Glen C., Paul C. and Freddie Kenneth.

WILLIAM T. BUXTON.

It is a well authenticated fact that success comes as a result of legitimate and well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance in a course of action when once decided upon. She is never known to smile upon the idler or dreamer and she never courts the loafer, and only those who have diligently sought her favors are crowned with her blessings. In tracing the life history of William T. Buxton, well known commercial traveler and

Knox county land owner, it is plainly seen that the success which he has achieved and the property which he enjoys have been won by commendable qualities and it is also his personal worth that has gained him the high esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Buxton was born August 3, 1864, in Newcastle township, Coshocton county, Ohio. He is the son of Noah W. and Candace C. Buxton, both natives of Coshocton county, Ohio. The father came to Miller township, Knox county, with his parents in 1835 and here engaged in farming; later he engaged extensively as a contracting bridge builder, becoming widely known in this section of the state in this connection and he was a very successful business man and highly respected citizen. He lived in various places and later returned to Coshocton county, finally came back to Mt. Vernon, where his death occurred in October, 1907. His widow is living in Columbus, Ohio. They were the parents of three daughters and one son, namely: William T., of this review; Olive, who married William C. Mills, of Columbus; Mamie is deceased; Gertrude lives in Columbus.

William T. Buxton was reared in the family home and received his education in the common schools, later attended the normal school at Utica, Ohio, then entered the Ohio State University at Columbus. When seventeen years of age he became a commercial traveler with Reed, Jones & Company, shoe dealers of Columbus. Prior to this he was a tobacco salesman for two years. He has been a shoe salesman ever since, traveling largely the Southern states, Ohio and Indiana. In 1910 he engaged with Isaac Prouty & Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, one of the oldest shoe firms in the United States. Mr. Buxton's territory is in Ohio and Indiana, and he has met with continued success from the first, having unusual natural ability as a salesman, having ever been held in high esteem by his employers, and he is one of the best known shoe salesmen in the middle West and Southern states.

Mr. Buxton has long maintained his home in Mt. Vernon, moving from Columbus to Mt. Vernon in 1895. He is the owner of a well improved and productive farm of two hundred acres three and one-half miles west of Mt. Vernon, one of the finest and most desirable farms in this community, and his suburban home, just north of Mt. Vernon, is modern and attractive, and is presided over with rare grace by an accomplished lady, known in her maidenhood as Laura Conkle, whom Mr. Buxton married on August 2, 1886. She is the daughter of John and Charlotte (Hammond) Conkle, a fine old pioneer family of Knox county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buxton, namely: Lorin W., of Mt. Vernon; Carita L. and Frederick John, who live at home.

Politically, Mr. Buxton is a Democrat, but he has never been active in party affairs, though he has kept well informed and is always interested in public matters. He is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a charter member of the United Commercial Travelers Association, Columbus Council No. 1. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN FRANK WARD.

This is an age in which the farmer stands pre-eminently above any other class as a producer of wealth. He simply takes advantage of the winds, the warm air, the bright sunshine and the refreshing rains, and, applying his own hands and skill to nature's gifts, he creates grain, hay, live stock, etc., all of which are absolute necessities to the inhabitants of the world. The commercial world has come to recognize his importance and has surrounded him with many conveniences not thought of a century or even a half century ago. The inventor has given him the self-binder, the riding plow, the steam thresher and many other labor-saving devices. And the farmer has not been slow to take advantage of the improvements thus invented and offered. Among the up-to-date farmers of Miller township, Knox county, is John Frank Ward.

Mr. Ward was born on the farm where he now lives, four miles southwest of Mt. Vernon, on September 22, 1861. He is the son of Rufus and Ellen (Rowley) Ward, both parents natives of Vermont, from which state they emigrated to Knox county, Ohio, when quite young. Grandfather Rufus Ward brought his family here by ox team, making the long journey overland. Here the father of the subject engaged successfully in farming, becoming one of the large land owners of his community and he was an influential and highly respected citizen. Politically, he was a Republican and active in party affairs. He was justice of the peace for many years in Miller township, and in 1870 he was land appraiser in that township, having received every vote but one for that office, which is evidence of his high standing in his community. His death occurred in 1879, his wife having preceded him to the grave some two years previously.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Ward nine children were born, namely: Laura, who married Newton Chambers, of Mt. Vernon; Mary married Douglas Braker, of Mt. Vernon; Emma married Alonzo Chapman, he being now deceased; Lavina married Oscar Vance, of Miller township; Cornelia married

Jacob Minnick, of Paola, Kansas; Rose married J. Q. Hall, of Brandon, this county; Rufus D., who is deceased, married Jennie Hildreth; John Frank, of this sketch; Fred Lincoln lives in Miller township.

John F. Ward was reared on the home farm and there worked when a boy during the crop season, attending the district schools in the winter time, and he has practically spent his life on the homestead. He worked for his father until he was married, on December 25, 1882, to May Miller, daughter of Calvin and Elizabeth (McClelland) Miller, a prominent pioneer family of this county. Mrs. Ward passed away in October, 1883, and Mr. Ward was subsequently married to Nellie Chrisman, daughter of Reuben and Mary (Dripps) Chrisman, of Miller township, both parents still living.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ward, named as follows: Mary C., Mabel F., Rosa M., Fred Russell and John Chester. The death of the wife and mother occurred in December, 1906.

Mr. Ward has spent his life engaged in general farming and stock raising pursuits and feeding all kinds of live stock. He is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Miller township, which he has kept well improved and under an excellent state of cultivation. He has a modern, well furnished and attractive home, good barns and up-to-date farming machinery.

Politically, Mr. Ward is a Republican and he has been active in party affairs since attaining his majority. He has served as justice of the peace for six years, being still incumbent of that office, and he has also served as township assessor and township trustee. In all public offices which he has honored he has served the people most faithfully and well, gaining their esteem and hearty approbation. In 1897 he was elected a member of the county infirmary board and served two terms or six years. He has also served his township as a member of the Republican county central committee and he has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He is a member of Sycamore Valley Lodge No. 553, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he has filled all the chairs in the same. He also belongs to Tyman Lodge No. 45, Knights of Pythias, of Mt. Vernon, and the Clinton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He and his family belong to the Brandon Methodist church and they have long been active in church and Sunday school work. He favors all movements looking to the betterment of his locality in any way and is one of the highly respected and valuable citizens of his township. His work in promoting the modern methods of farming is especially commendable. He is a member of the board of directors of the Knox County Agricultural Society and as such is active and influential in its affairs.

JOSEPH H. COLLOPY.

It will be found upon examination that the person who lives the quietest and most uneventful life, one that is free, on the one hand, from too great a degree of toil, and free, on the other, from nervous excitement, such as falls to the lot of the dwellers in the cities, will live the longest span on this earth. It seems that all persons are given at the outset of their lives only about so much vitality, and if they squander it before they reach maturity, or if they dissipate it too fast at any stage of their careers, it means a premature death. Like a candle, they burn out too fast and are left nothing but a wick, black and unsightly. But the quiet and steady life is what counts. Such a person has great reserve of vital force which he can call into action at any emergency and is thus enabled to make a better showing in a crisis than the person who is ready to fall to pieces at the least excitement. Joseph H. Collopy, one of the best known citizens of the eastern part of Knox county, has had the wisdom to save his best powers for suitable occasions, having lived a well regulated life, so that, now the evening shadows of life have gathered about him, he is still hale and hearty. He comes down to us from the pioneer period and it is interesting to hear him tell of the great transformation that has taken place in this locality since his boyhood days, for he has been an interesting spectator to it all.

Mr. Collopy was born on December 1, 1834, on the same farm in Union township where he now lives, three miles east of Danville. He is the son of Jacob and Delilah (Sapp) Collopy, both natives of Maryland, from which state they came with their parents to Union township when quite young, and here they grew to maturity and were married, they having grown up amid the wilderness when settlers were few and hardships many. Grandfather Timothy Collopy moved here with his family about 1804 and the Sapp family also came that year, 1804. The Indians still held sway over this country and all manner of wild beasts were encountered. Settlements were few and far remote from each other, but these hardy people never shrank from either hardship or danger and they persevered until they had established good homes here. Both these families entered large tracts of land from the government, Grandfather George Sapp having been especially a large land owner and one of the substantial men of his day, but they were both influential citizens. Jacob Collopy, father of the subject of this sketch, was a prosperous farmer and at one time owned seventeen hundred acres, and in connection with farming on a large scale he was also an extensive stock man, and was long prominent in the affairs of the community. His family con-

sisted of nine children, three of whom are now living: Joseph H., of this sketch; Delilah, who married John R. Banburg, of Danville; Mary W. married August Gaum; she lives in Danville, Kansas, her husband being deceased. The following are the deceased children of the Collopy family: Timothy W., Jonathan A., Sarah C., George E., Levi F., and the youngest of all, Sarah C., there being two children who bore this name in the Sapp family. The death of the father occurred in January, 1890, his wife having preceded him to the grave nearly thirty years, dying in May, 1861. The father was a Democrat in politics and was active in the affairs of Union township, and he filled various offices of his township at various times. He was a Catholic in his church faith. He was a man of sterling characteristics and admired for his integrity and industry.

Joseph H. Collopy was reared on the home farm and there he assisted in the general work in his boyhood as soon as of proper age He received such education as the country schools afforded at that period and here he has always lived and followed agricultural pursuits. He has been twice married, first, on February 17, 1871, to Jennie Durbin, daughter of Bassil and Abigail (Bickingham) Durbin, of Howard township, this county, a prominent pioneer family here. This union resulted in the birth of two children: Rose E., who married Julius Smith, living on the home farm, and a child that died in infancy, unnamed. The death of the wife and mother occurred in January, 1882. The second marriage of the subject was solemnized on February 18, 1885, with Mrs. Eliza Porter, daughter of Oliver and Maretta (Fields) Baker, a highly respected family of Jefferson township; her father is still living, the mother being deceased. One son was born of this second marriage, Joseph L., who has remained single and is living at home and assists in the management of the farm.

After his first marriage Joseph H. Collopy settled on the farm where he has resided continuously to the present time, owning five hundred and twenty acres of fine fertile land, mostly in Union township, and here he has long been regarded as one of the county's substantial and progressive general farmers and extensive stock raisers and shippers, handling all kinds of live stock. He has kept the old homestead under a high state of improvement and cultivation, and has been quick to adopt the newest and best methods of farming and his efforts have been crowned with abundant success all along the line. He has a commodious, convenient and modernly appointed and furnished home, one of the attractive places of the eastern part of the county, and large, well arranged outbuildings and such modern farming machinery as his needs require. Large stables and sheds have been erected for sheltering

his stock and the proper care of his herds at all times. He has been very successful in a business way through the exercise of sound judgment, right principles and honest methods He is a director in the Commercial and Savings Bank at Buckeye City.

Mr. Collopy is a Democrat in his political affiliations and since reaching maturity he has been active in public affairs and his counsel is frequently sought by candidates and party leaders. He has been a member of the township board of education for many years and is now chairman of the board, having held the post for a number of years; he has also served as township trustee for many years and on several occasions has been real estate appraiser of Union township and has filled various other local offices, always to the satisfaction of the people. He is public spirited and his support may always be depended upon in furthering any movement having as its object the general upbuilding of the community; he is an especial advocate of better schools, good roads and substantial bridges and public buildings, and he has been instrumental in securing some important road changes, one in particular, the road east from Danville to Brinkhaven, which crossed the railroad twice at dangerous points. His efforts secured the change in the road by which it does not cross the railroad tracks at all. He and his family are members of the Catholic church, though his wife worships with the Methodist congregation. The Collopys have long been prominent in the social affairs of the community, and none are more widely known or more highly respected.

WILLIAM P. PELKER.

Theories look well on paper and have a mellifluous sound when proclaimed from the platform, but in the present rushing age the value of things is tested by the stern rule of experience; it is the practical man who makes his influence felt and whose services and discourses are largely sought. The present is essentially an age of progress and in every line of activity the man of practical ideas is in evidence. The world of industry owes him a debt beyond estimate, and to him is due the credit of bringing to humanity privileges and blessings which simply hinted at a half century ago would have been regarded as utterly impossible. But times have changed and the world has moved on and the wild dreams and vague chimeras of yesterday have become the familiar facts of today. One of the citizens of Knox county who has believed in keeping fully abreast of the times and has therefore been re-

warded by a competency and at the same time has been of much benefit to his community in a general way is William P. Pelker, who, after a successful life on the farm, is now living in honorable retirement in the village of Centerburg.

Mr. Pelker was born on June 10, 1852, in Franklin county, Virginia, of an excellent old Southern family, many of whose winning traits he seems to have inherited. He is the son of John and Elizabeth (Lunsden) Pelker, both natives of Virginia. Grandfather Peter Pelker was born in England, where he spent his earlier years, finally emigrating to America, settling in Virginia during the colonial period, and he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war with the colonists. The Lunsdens were Scotch people. The father of the subject was a farmer and large land owner and slaveholder, and four of his sons served in the Confederate army; they were the subject's older brothers. The parents spent their lives in Franklin county, Virginia, where they were well known and highly esteemed.

William P. Pelker, of this sketch, spent his youth on the home farm in the Old Dominion, and there he received his education in the public schools and at Rocky Mount, the county seat of Franklin county. Remaining in his native state until August, 1871, he came to Knox county, Ohio, and clerked in the dry goods store of David Meade, a merchant of Mt. Vernon, remaining with him one year. In 1873 he went to Niles, Michigan, and attended the Niles Normal School, preparing himself for a teacher, and for three years he followed teaching with much success in Berrien county, Michigan. In the fall of 1875 he returned to Knox county and made his home in Centerburg, and taught in the district schools for four terms. On December 26, 1876, he was married to May Bebolt, daughter of William T. and Sarah (Hollister) Bebolt, a pioneer and very prominent family here. Her grandfather, Absalom Bebolt, was the first white settler in the locality, near what is now the town of Centerburg, having come to this section from Pennsylvania. The family is yet well known and influential here, through his descendants.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pelker, namely: Tullis A. lives in Santiago, California; Virginia married Harry Bell, a banker of Centerburg; Blanche, who married Ray B. Bishop, of Centerburg, died in November, 1910; John G. lives in San Diego, California.

After his marriage Mr. Pelker engaged in farming, which he continued to follow with much success in Hilliar township, becoming prosperous and a large land owner through his close application and good management, carrying on general farming and stock raising and trading. He studied the rota-

tion of crops, the qualities of soils, climatic conditions and was an advocate of up-to-date methods, so his efforts were annually rewarded by good crops. He has long been regarded as an authority on agricultural questions. In 1902 he moved from the farm to Centerburg and has since lived a retired life, though he has continued to superintend his farm, which he has brought up to a high state of cultivation and improvement. He has a commodious and modernly furnished home.

Mr. Pelker has always been a Democrat and has long been active in public matters, keeping well informed on the current topics of the day. He has served as a member of the Democratic county committee and is prominent in its councils. He has filled various local offices and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He has always been regarded as a strong factor either for or against any public issue. He was a one time the candidate of his party for the state Legislature. He and his family are members of the Baptist church and they have long been active in church and Sunday school work, Mr. Pelker having been a leader in the latter for many years. He is a man of broad intelligence, liberal education and wide experience and because of his public spirit and exemplary habits he is held in high esteem by all who know him. This family is prominent in the social life of the community.

BURR A. WYANT.

"Agriculture is the noblest of all alchemy," says a distinguished writer, "for it turns earth and even refuse into gold and confers upon its cultivator the additional reward of health." This oldest of human vocations, and noblest of them all, has been honored by the successful career of Burr A. Wyant, one of the up-to-date tillers of the soil in Pleasant township, Knox county, where he has improved a good farm and at the same time has won the confidence and respect of his neighbors and acquaintances by his upright life in all its relations, for he believes in the old aphorism, "Live and let live."

Mr. Wyant was born on a farm in Morrow county, Ohio, and is the son of Augustus R. and Sarah Jane (South) Wyant. The father was born in one of the Western Reserve counties and the mother in Indiana, near Ft. Wayne. Both parents were young when they came to Ohio and here they were married and became very well established in life. The father died on February 3, 1894, and the mother is still living. The elder Wyant was a

farmer all his life. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and was an upright man. His family consisted of five children, namely: Burr A., of this review; Frank C., of Monroe township; Ida P. married Clinton C. Marvin; John married and is living in Pleasant township; the oldest child of the family died in infancy.

Burr A. Wyant spent his youth on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work and he received such education as was possible in the district schools. In 1870 the family moved from Morrow county to Pleasant township, Knox county, where the father purchased the Herford mill, which he operated in connection with farming for five years.

The subject was married on June 6, 1900, to Angie E. Stinemetz, daughter of Alva and Mary (Smith) Stinemetz, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Herbert C., Paul R., Theodore L., Mary E. and Burr A., Jr.

Mr. Wyant was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, having enlisted in Company L, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he very ably performed the task as duty sergeant. The regiment was sent to Porto Rico and served throughout the war, about nine months. He left the service in January, 1899.

Since his marriage Mr. Wyant has been engaged in general farming and stock raising in Pleasant township, five miles southeast of Mt. Vernon, and he has met with a fair measure of success from year to year.

Politically, Mr. Wyant is a Republican and has long been active in party affairs. He has served as a member of the Republican county central committee, and has also been a member of the board of education and a frequent delegate to county and district conventions, where he has always made his influence felt for the good of the party. In 1893 and 1894 he served as assessor of Pleasant township. In 1909 he was elected a member of the township board of trustees, on which he served for two years. He has proven himself to be an able, conscientious and faithful public servant and worthy of most any office within the gift of the people. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and they are highly respected throughout the community.

EDWARD C. LIMBAUGH, D. V. M.

It takes a great deal of courage and persistency to succeed at anything in this day and age when competition is so fierce on every hand, and this is especially true in regard to the professions, much more so in the twentieth century than formerly, for in the early days of our history every professional

man seemed to be sorely needed in all localities; there were few of them, most of the population being engaged in agricultural pursuits or in other ways opening up the country; but now the innumerable colleges and technical institutions and special schools to be found in every state are turning thousands of trained professional men from their halls annually, and so if they would succeed they must be men of sterling qualities, right principles and the possessors of dogged tenacity, else they will be relegated to the rear to make room for some more courageous spirit. Dr. Edward C. Limbaugh, the well known and successful veterinary surgeon of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, is one of those tactful, earnest and forceful characters who believes in fighting until the goal is attained. First he made a success as a school teacher, then turned his attention to the profession which he now honors and soon had won a high place in the ranks of the leading representatives of the same in the Buckeye state.

Doctor Limbaugh was born January 26, 1878, in Holmes county, Ohio, near Millersburg, and he is the son of Christian and Catherine (Seltzer) Limbaugh. The father has devoted his life to farming and has ever devoted his life to the good of the community. He still resides in Holmes county, his wife having died in July, 1910.

Edward C. Limbaugh spent his childhood and youth on the home farm and there assisted with the work during the crop season and attended the district schools in the winter time until he was seventeen years of age, when he began teaching in the schools of Holmes county, which he followed for six years, during which time his services were in great demand, for he pleased both pupil and patron. In the fall of 1902 he entered the Ohio State University, taking the course in veterinary medicine and surgery, making a splendid record and graduating on June 21, 1906, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. On August 1st of that year he opened on office in Mt. Vernon for the practice of his profession and he has remained here ever since, being successful from the first and building up a very extensive and lucrative practice, which has ever been on the increase, the stock owners all over the county regarding him as one of the most proficient men in his line in this section of the state.

Doctor Limbaugh was married on March 24, 1908, to Ina G. Kidd, daughter of John and Marie (Brillhart) Kidd, of Holmesville, Holmes county, Ohio. Doctor Limbaugh is a Democrat, but is not active in party affairs, nor an office seeker. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Mt. Vernon, and he belongs to the English Evangelical church, while his wife is a member of the Disciples of Christ and both are earnest church people.

The Doctor's residence and veterinary hospital is at No. 106 West Vine street. His hospital is ample and well arranged and is equipped with every convenience and modern apparatus for the care of animals needing such attention. Personally, he is a good mixer, a genial and honorable gentleman, successful in whatever he undertakes and he is popular with all who have occasion to know or have dealings with him.

ERNEST C. TULLOSS.

A farmer can be dishonorable as well as any other business man or he can be as honorable; he can misrepresent his grain, his stock, his hay and his apples, and can secure a buyer by such misrepresentations, but when he is found out it is much harder for him to live down the odium than it is for the merchant or other business man to do the same. The latter can much more easily sell out and go where he is not known than the farmer, for it seems harder for the farmer to make changes without injuring himself financially. So the descendants of the farmer must remain, or at least usually do so, and take the results of their father's misdeeds, while on the other hand the second and third generations are often helped to a greater extent than they can realize by the prestige established in their communities in former days by their ancestors. One of the farmers of Morgan township, Knox county, who can see nothing but good results flowing from the life work of his parents is the subject of this sketch. They were persons of the highest respectability and of unusual intelligence, and their influence was very strong for upright living and steady industry while they lived.

Mr. Tulloss was born on January 29, 1865, on the farm where he has always lived, in the southern part of Knox county, Ohio. He is the son of Rodham and Elizabeth (Harris) Tulloss. He was reared on the home farm and when of proper age he assisted with the general work there, and in the winter time attended the public schools of his district. On January 2, 1894, he was united in marriage with Laura L. Martin, daughter of Calvin and Isabelle (Runyan) Martin, a highly respected family of Richland county, Ohio. To the subject two sons and one daughter have been born, namely: Raymond R., Dale M. and Laura Isabelle.

Ernest C. Tulloss lived with his uncle, R. S. Tulloss, from the age of ten to twenty-one, and after his marriage he came to the home farm and here he has resided ever since, owning one hundred and sixty acres of as good land

as the township affords, which he has kept well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, carrying on general farming and stock raising of all kinds, handling only the best breeds, and he has been extensively engaged in the dairy business, making a success of whatever he has turned his attention to. He has built an attractive, large modern home, equipped with furnace heat, gas light and running water. Everything about his place denotes good management.

Politically, Mr. Tulloss is a Democrat, and while he has long been active in public affairs he is not especially active, though he has served his community as justice of the peace for a period of nine years in an able and satisfactory manner, and for a number of years he has been a member of the local school board, and has done much for the improvement of the schools of the township. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias at Utica, and he and his family belong to the Disciples church, and he is an elder and trustee in the church and is active in church and Sunday school work.

ISAAC STERLING JOHNSON.

The best title one can establish to the high and generous esteem of an intelligent community is a protracted residence therein. The Johnson family, of which Isaac Sterling Johnson, one of the most enterprising of Clinton township's younger generation of farmers and stock men, is a very creditable representative, has been numbered with the honored citizens of Knox county since the pioneer period. They have been known as people of well defined purpose, never failing to carry to successful completion any work or enterprise to which their energies have been directed. Beginning life in a new country and under many unfavorable auspices, the elder Johnsons let nothing deter them, and before the lapse of many years became well established, having developed excellent farms and played well their roles in the general life of the community, aiding in every way possible to advance the material, civic and moral welfare of the same. Many of the sterling characteristics of the progenitors of the subject seem to have outcropped in him, hence his success and his popularity as a citizen.

Isaac S. Johnson was born August 29, 1884, on the home farm, one mile south of Mt. Vernon. He is the son of Isaac and Isabelle C. (Davis) Johnson, both natives of Knox county, where they grew up, received their education and married. The Johnson family originally came to Knox county

from Virginia, and the Davises hailed from Pennsylvania. Here both families, through hard work and honest dealings, became well established and well known. The father of the subject was a prosperous farmer and a large land owner, at one time owning fully twelve hundred acres of fine land. He farmed on an extensive scale and raised stock in large numbers, which he fed for the market. He took a prominent part in all movements to better local conditions. Politically, he was a Democrat, but never an office seeker. He was an active member of Clinton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, being a charter member of the same, and always active in the same. His death occurred in October, 1893. His widow survives and makes her home in Mt. Vernon.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Johnson, namely: Alice married Ralph Jewell, of Fredericktown, this county; Isaac S., of this sketch, and Harold C., who is associated with his brother in the management of the estate.

The son, Isaac S. Johnson, was reared on the home farm and when but a boy assisted with the work there, and he has always been a farmer. He received his education in the district schools and later attended Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pennsylvania, later taking a course in agriculture at the Ohio State University at Columbus. Thus exceptionally well equipped for his life work, he returned home and took up the development of the home farm. He has met with great success as a general farmer and has kept well abreast of the times in agricultural matters, being a student of soils, grain and their relations with climate and crop rotation. He is a breeder of all kinds of live stock. The entire twelve hundred acres has remained in the family, and it has been so adroitly managed that it has increased in value and productiveness, rather than depreciated. This land embraces some of the best soil in the county. Mr. Johnson is a progressive farmer in all that the term implies and is a very large producer of crops and live stock.

On December 12, 1909, the marriage of Isaac S. Johnson and Louise Garver took place. She is the daughter of Theodore L. and Celia (Lee) Garver, a prominent family of Bellville, Richland county, Ohio. One winsome daughter, Alice Elizabeth, has been born to the subject and wife.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic order, a member of the Mt. Vernon lodge and the council. He also belongs to Clinton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is active in the work of the Grange.

The Johnson home is one of the most commodious and substantial in the county, having modern conveniences. Surrounding this are large, convenient barns and outbuildings; in fact, everything about the place denotes

thrift and prosperity, and that a gentleman of excellent taste has its management in hand. The family has long been prominent in the social life of the community. Politically, the subject is a Republican, but he has not been an active partisan or an office seeker, preferring to devote his exclusive attention to his large landed estate and his fine live stock. He is a genial, obliging and likable gentleman, whom to know is to accord every respect.

JAMES M. BROWN.

Knox county figures as one of the most attractive, progressive and prosperous divisions of the northeastern part of the great Buckeye state, justly claiming a high order of citizenship and a spirit of enterprise which is certain to conserve consecutive development and marked advancement in the material advancement of this section. One of the well known agriculturists and public-spirited citizens, whose fine landed estate in Morgan township is admired by all, is James M. Brown. His enterprise has been crowned by success, as the result of rightly applied principles which never fail in their ultimate effect when coupled with integrity, uprightness and a congenial disposition, as they have been done in his case, judging from the high standing of Mr. Brown among his fellow citizens whose undivided esteem he has won and retained.

Mr. Brown was born on October 9, 1869, on the farm where he still resides and where he has spent his life, two miles northeast of Morgan Center, Knox county. He is the son of James S. and Christene (Chipps) Brown. The father was also born on this farm, while the mother was born in Chester township, now a part of Morrow county. Grandfather Jonathan Brown was born in New Jersey, May 22, 1800. His parents dying when he was young, he was bound out to Abraham Day, a farmer. In 1816 these two gentlemen came to Ohio, Mr. Brown remaining in Mr. Day's service until he was twenty-one years of age, then went to work for himself, his first employment being making rails at twenty-five cents per one hundred, which money he used for the purpose of buying clothes. Soon afterwards he was united in marriage with Mary Larson, daughter of Sylvester Larson, a pioneer of Knox county. She had fifty acres of land and this was the beginning of Mr. Brown's future success. Later he purchased lands one and one-half miles northeast of Morgan Center and with the aid of his sons this was cleared for farming. His death occurred on November 16, 1879, his wife having died on December 5, 1867, at the age of sixty-four years, and both are buried in Owl Creek Baptist

church cemetery, near the family home. Their family consisted of nine children, namely: Thomas R., Josel F., James S.; Anna Eliza married Samuel Clutter; Jonathan H.; Mary J. married Leander Buxton; Phoebe S. married Thomas Bodle, and James S., father of the subject of this sketch; two died in infancy.

James S. Brown, father of the subject, was born on September 7, 1831, and his death occurred on June 27, 1910. He grew to manhood on the home farm and received such education as he could in the old-time schools of his community. Upon reaching manhood he married Catherine Chipp, who was born January 5, 1831, and died November 8, 1867, and both are buried in Owl Creek Baptist church cemetery. They were the parents of two children, namely: William X., of New Albany, Ohio, and James M., of this review. The father became the owner of over two hundred acres of good land, which he farmed on an extensive scale. Politically, he was a Democrat until 1860, when he espoused Republican principles and ever afterwards voted the Republican ticket. While he was always interested in public matters, he was never an office seeker and never held office. He was a man of strong convictions and great moral and physical courage. After the death of his first wife, he married Catherine Stockdale, daughter of William Stockdale, who was born on June 14, 1868, which union was without issue. This wife died on August 13, 1905, and she was buried in Owl Creek cemetery.

James M. Brown, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared on the home farm and was educated in the district schools. He was married on October 24, 1888, to Virginia Arrington, daughter of William J. and Minerva (Wigington) Arrington, both born in Franklin county, Virginia, where they grew up and were married. They came to Knox county in 1869. The father was a soldier in the Confederate army during the Civil war and he was twice wounded. After coming to Knox county he engaged in farming and is still living near Morgan Center in Morgan township. His wife died on February 11, 1885, and is buried in Owl Creek cemetery.

Three children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Joseph S., married and living in Harrison township, this county; Harry W. lives at home; Bertie May also lives at home.

Mr. Brown has lived since his marriage on the farm where he was born and reared and is engaged in general farming and stock raising and feeding all kinds of live stock, making a specialty of sheep. For a number of years he was with the Logan Gas Company, also the Homer Gas Company in various capacities, but later he gave his entire attention to his fine farm and his live stock and he has met with large success in both. His farm lies in the Knox county gas belt and on it are several producing wells.

Politically, Mr. Brown is a Republican and he keeps well posted on current events, taking an interest in the welfare of his community, though he has never been an office seeker or office holder, with the exception of serving as a member of the district school board. He is a member of the Masonic order of Mt. Vernon and he and his son, Harry A., belong to the Knights of the Maccabees. He is also a member of the Morgan Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, with his wife and son, being a charter member. He and his family belong to the Owl Creek Baptist church, and they are prominent in the social life of the locality.

SCOTT DUDGEON.

There is no positive rule for achieving success, and yet in the life of the successful man there are always lessons which might well be followed. The man who gains prosperity is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that come in his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly, and when one man passes another on the highway of life to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out before him it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race.

One of the farmers of Clay township, Knox county, who seems to have been endowed by nature with the power of discrimination and foresight to a large degree is Scott Dudgeon, who was born on December 1, 1879, on the farm where he now lives, in fact, where he has always lived, three miles northeast of Martinsburg, the son of Timothy and Lovey (Campbell) Dudgeon, the father born in Auglaize county, Ohio, and the mother in Knox county, this state They grew up in their respective communities and received their education in the common schools. Grandfather Charles Dudgeon came with his family to this locality in the pioneer period and engaged in farming in Clay township, settling the place where the subject now lives, which he redeemed from the wilderness through hard work, and here he became very well established. This land was first entered from the government by the father of Margaret Elliott, wife of Charles Dudgeon, and the land has been in the possession of the family ever since. The father of the subject devoted his life to farming and became one of the substantial and influential men of his community, a large landowner, his home place comprising about three hundred and seventy acres, and for many years he was one of the extensive general farmers and stock raisers of his township. Politically, he

was a Democrat, but never held office or took a very active interest in public affairs. His death occurred in February, 1910. His widow survives. These parents had two sons, Christopher, who married and is located on a part of the home farm, and Scott, of this review.

Scott Dudgeon was reared on the home farm, where he began working when but a boy, and during the winter months he attended the country district schools. He was married on November 28, 1904, to Eva Horn, daughter of George and Malissa (Dudgeon) Horn, of Harrison, this county. Her parents are both living and are highly regarded. One son has been born to the subject and wife, George Timothy Dudgeon, named for both his grandfathers.

Mr. Dudgeon has been on the home farm ever since his marriage, successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, and feeding live stock for the market. Politically, he is a Democrat, but is not an active partisan nor an office seeker. He is a member of the Bladensburg Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He has so lived as to keep unbesmirched the good names of his forebears.

CHARLES W. BLACKBURN.

The most elaborate history is necessarily an abridgment, the historian being compelled to select his facts and materials from a multitude of details. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of incident, and yet in summing up the career of any man the writer needs touch only those salient points which give the keynote of the character, but eliminating much that is superfluous. Thus in giving the life record of the gentleman whose name initiates this sketch sufficient will be said to show that he is one of the worthy young agriculturists of the locality of which this history treats, owning a good farm in Clay township, Knox county.

Charles W. Blackburn was born on January 29, 1872, in Martinsburg, Ohio. He is the son of William and Cynthia (Phillips) Blackburn, both natives of Ohio, the father born in Carroll county and the mother in Jefferson county. They grew up in their respective communities and received their education in the common schools. They were married before coming to Knox county, about 1869, and settled in Martinsburg. The father spent his life successfully engaged in farming and stock raising. Politically, he was a Democrat, and while always interested in public affairs, never took an active part in politics, nor sought office, though he filled several township offices His death occurred on April 2, 1905. His widow still survives.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Blackburn, three of whom grew to maturity, Charles W., of this sketch, being the youngest of the family; Edwin lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Vada, who has remained single, lives with her mother in the eastern part of Clay township.

Charles W. Blackburn was reared on the home farm where he assisted with the general work when he became of proper age and in the winter time he attended the country district schools, also those at Martinsburg, graduating from the latter in 1892, having made an excellent record there. He then taught school for three years in the Clay township schools, also those of Harrison township.

Mr. Blackburn has been twice married, first on September 20, 1893, to Mary E. Taylor, daughter of John and Louisa (Fry) Taylor, of near Bladensburg. Her death occurred on April 15, 1906. Two daughters were born to this union, Pearl and Ada. On June 18, 1907, Mr. Blackburn was again married to Mrs. Arabell (Hancock) Darling, daughter of John R. and Elizabeth (Bradfield) Hancock of Clay township. These parents are both deceased. By the first marriage of Mrs. Blackburn four children were born, Gertrude, John, Loren and Nancy.

When the subject was first married he rented the farm where he now resides, one and one-half miles north of Martinsburg, where he lived until he moved to Martinsburg, and lived there for a period of two years, when he bought the farm that he previously rented and again took up husbandry, and he has since remained there. He has seventy-five acres of well improved and well cultivated land. He has made a success as a general farmer and stock raiser, making a specialty of sheep and horses, being a breeder of thoroughbred sheep, the famous Delaine breed, which, owing to their superior quality, are eagerly sought after. His horses are the Norman stock, favorites for draft animals.

Politically, Mr. Blackburn is a Democrat and he has always been active in public affairs. He has been a member of the Democratic county central committee, from Clay township, and a delegate to various party conventions. He has served as township clerk for three terms. He has been a member of the township board of education and is now clerk of the board. As a public servant he has been most faithful in the performance of his every duty, and has won the approval of all by his judicious course. Fraternally, he is a member of Martinsburg Lodge No. 778, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is district deputy for Knox county. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have long been active in church and Sunday school work. He is a progressive citizen and favors public improvements in so far as they contribute to the general public good.

WARREN FARMER.

The occupation of farming, to which Warren Farmer, of the vicinity of Danville, Knox county, has applied his time and attention since reaching his majority, is the oldest business pursuit of mankind and the one in which he will ever be the most independent. Of course when this is said reference is made to civilized man, because hunting and fishing were the primitive pursuits before he reached the civilized state. Since the evolutionists have sought to show that man comes from a man-monkey that lived in the last geological epoch, and that the said monkey in turn came from a still lower form of primates, and so on back to protoplasm, the superiority of one person by reason of birth over another has been almost wholly given up. In other words, as mankind came from the same source, whether it be monkey or something else, it is not for one man to brag about coming from a higher source than his neighbor. So the farmer today stands just as high in the scale of being and civic life as the business or professional man. In addition, the agriculturist is far more independent. If he is out of debt, has his land improved and a good home, he can laugh at panics and periods of tight markets. Thus is situated the subject of this brief biography.

Warren Farmer was born in Union township, Knox county, and here he was reared on the farm where he worked when but a lad and he was educated in the schools of his community, and he has been content to live in the same to the present time. His birth occurred on May 12, 1864, and he is the son of Doty and Hettie (Giffin) Farmer, a highly respected family who spent their lives on a farm here, the father dying in May, 1892, the mother still living. These parents were each married before; from their union three children were born, namely: Warren, of this review; Dora, who has remained single, and Walter B., who lives in Union township.

Warren Farmer has never assumed the responsibilities of the married state, his mother being his housekeeper. He has always engaged in farming. In 1911 he came to his present excellent farm one mile east of Danville, where he has seventy-five and one-half acres of well improved and productive land, on which stands an attractive modern home, built of cement blocks. He also has an up-to-date barn and such other buildings and farming machinery as his needs require. He pays much attention to the raising of live stock of all kinds, especially hogs. There is a thick vein of gravel and cement sand on his farm which is a source of very considerable revenue, and he has been very successful in a business way since taking charge of his present place.

Politically, Mr. Farmer is a Republican, but has never been active in public matters and has never sought office, though he manifests a good citizen's interest in the affairs of his county and state. He is progressive in all that the term implies, believing in modern methods in everything, and personally he is a very genial and companionable gentleman.

ROBERT NEIDERHAUSER.

Whenever an emigrant crosses the ocean from Europe to America it means that soonor or later many others will follow him, because he will write of his success here, which is sure to come to him, and his former friends, profiting by his example, will take his advice and come over also, to seek new homes upon our free soil. Thus it is that one emigrant brings many others. Every country of Europe thus contributes to our growth, and the people who come over are the most adventurous, independent, self-reliant and liberty-loving. Thus it is that we have for more than a century drained all Europe of its best blood and the result has been to stimulate our growth and develop us almost beyond calculation. Every branch of industry has left this invigorating impulse and has responded with a firmer and more enduring growth. It was some such circumstances that brought the family represented by the subject of this sketch to the locality of which this history treats; however, the subject was born in this country, being an excellent type of the second generation of the Swiss in America.

Robert Neiderhauser, farmer of Union township, Knox county, was born in Richland township, Holmes county, Ohio, on October 18, 1863. He is the son of Jacob and Catherine (Fehndrich) Neiderhauser, both born in Switzerland, from which country they came to America as young people, the father being twenty-one years old and he made the trip with two brothers, coming direct to Holmes county, beginning his life there as a railroad construction hand. The mother of the subject came with her parents about the same time, her family coming direct from Switzerland to Holmes county, Ohio, and here the parents of the subject of this sketch were married. The father worked as a farm hand until his marriage, when he engaged in farming for himself, renting land for some time, and in 1865 he bought his first farm, which consisted of two hundred and thirteen acres in Union township, where his son Robert now lives, two miles south of Brinkhaven. He had only five hundred dollars and he agreed to pay for it the sum of eight thousand

dollars. He set to work with all his might to pay this sum, immediately moving to the place and there he met with continued success. Adding to his original holdings from time to time, he finally became the owner of six hundred and thirteen acres. He farmed on a large scale and was also an extensive stock dealer, buyer and shipper, and he became one of the substantial and well-known men of his township, influential in the affairs of the same. His death occurred in 1906. His widow still survives. To these parents nine children were born, one of whom died in infancy. Those who survived were named as follows: Robert, of this review; Samuel J. is deceased; Caroline married J. D. Crill, of Brinkhaven; Lovey, deceased, was the wife of William F. Sapp, of Brinkhaven; Edward F. lives on the old home farm; Cora A. married George Smith, of Dillonvale, Ohio; William lives at Brinkhaven; Avis has remained single.

The father of these children was a Democrat, but he never sought public office, though he took considerable interest in public matters. He was a member of the Evangelical Reformed Lutheran church. He was highly regarded by all who knew him, a man of exemplary habits and generous impulses.

Robert Neiderhauser, of this review, was reared on the home farm and when old enough he was put to work in the fields, attending the country district schools in the winter time, and he remained at home until he was married, in October, 1888, to Edith McMillin, daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Cline) McMillin, of Union township. To the subject and wife one child has been born, Elizabeth, who lives at home.

Mr. Neiderhauser has always lived on a part of the home place which he has kept well improved and well cultivated and has made a success as a general farmer and stock raiser, having one hundred and twenty acres of good land which he has been at work on since his marriage. It lies in the rich valley of the Mohican river. While he raises stock of all grades, only the best find a place on his farm, and in view of this fact they are eagerly sought after by the purchaser.

Politically, the subject is a Democrat and he has always been active in political matters. He has served as a member of the township board of education for a period of fourteen years, during which time he has been of great aid in advancing the schools of this district. For several years he was president of the board, and he has always been a friend of education. In 1903 he was nominated by the party for county commissioner, but he was defeated with the rest of the ticket in the Republican landslide of that year. He has served on local committees and as a frequent delegate to party con-

ventions, in all of which he has made his influence felt for the good of the community and the party. In religious matters he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Brinkhaven. He is a public-spirited man and is highly regarded by all who know him.

AVERY WHEATON.

In this country of ours it is necessary that some people should follow the occupation of farming, some store-keeping, some lumbering, milling, medicine, etc. All are necessary to each other and form parts and parcels of the great body of society. There was a time when each family was almost wholly self-sustaining, when the mother made the garments and the father produced the food, grinding his own corn and hewing out the timbers for his home, but this old order of things has been done away with by advanced methods more in accord with our progress and institutions. The farmer can not get along without the merchant in his town, under the new order of things, and each has to have the products of the mills. The store-keeper can not get along without the farmer, the miller and the lumberman to buy his goods. We are all mutually dependent and each is required to fill his position. One of the best known farmers, saw-mill and lumbermen in Knox county is Avery Wheaton, of Danville, a man who believes in performing his part well in this complex civilization of ours, creating as little inharmony as possible, "live and let live" being one of the aphorisms which he advocates.

Mr. Wheaton was born on November 14, 1851, in Millersburg, Holmes county, Ohio, the son of Charles M. and Rosanna (Uhl) Wheaton, both natives of Ohio, where they grew up, were educated and married and here, after getting a good foothold in the business world, the father was called to his reward, young in years, dying at the age of thirty-five. The mother of the subject, a woman of strong personality, still lives, now being advanced in old age. The father was a carpenter by profession and said to have been a very skilled workman. The Wheatons are of English origin, while the Uhls are of German extraction.

Avery Wheaton, of this sketch, was reared on the farm of his grandfather, William Uhl, and when but a small boy was put to work in the fields during the crop season, attending the district schools in Holmes county in the winter time. When eighteen years of age he came to Knox county and

found employment as a farm hand with Jacob Ross, a prominent and prosperous citizen, and Mr. Wheaton remained in his employ, farming and handling stock for a period of five and one-half years, before his marriage, which occurred on December 14, 1872, to Laura Miller, daughter of Vincent and Margaret (Stillinger) Miller, an influential and highly respected pioneer family of Union township.

Two daughters and three sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton, the daughters being deceased; the sons are George W., Jacob and Ira, all living in Union township, this county, all married and prosperous farmers and highly respected citizens.

For several years after the subject's marriage he continued to reside with Mr. Ross and also engaged in the saw-mill and timber business, having continued in the portable saw-mill business ever since, and he is one of the most extensive timber operators in Knox county, and is still engaged in this line of business. He has been very successful in this line of endeavor, also farming, and he has acquired a fine farm of two hundred acres three miles southeast of Danville, which he has kept well improved and well cultivated, which has been managed by his sons as they grew to manhood. Here stock raising has been carried on with general farming.

Politically, Mr. Wheaton is a Democrat and he has long taken an active part in the affairs of his party and in public matters in general, but he has never been an office seeker. He and his family are members of the Dunkard church.

JOHN A. REED, M. D.

Among the young professional men of sterling attributes of character who have impressed their personality upon the community of their residence and have shown themselves to be worthy of the trust and confidence that has been reposed in them, mention must not be omitted of Dr. John A. Reed, of Jelloway, Brown township, Knox county. He would win his way in any locality where fate might place him, for he has sound judgment, coupled with great energy and profound education along his chosen line of endeavor, together with professional tact and upright principles, all of which make for success wherever and whenever they are rightly and persistently applied. He is fast winning success and friends by the exercise of these principles.

Doctor Reed was born on July 3, 1880, in Holmes county, near Brinkhaven, Ohio. He is the son of John and Sarah (Orbison) Reed, the father

born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Virginia. They came to Ohio as young people and here established their home. The father served during the Civil war as a member of Company C, Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and both of the Doctor's grandfathers were also in the Civil war; the paternal grandfather, William Reed, was in a Pennsylvania regiment and was killed in the first day's fight at Gettysburg. Grandfather Orbison was a member of Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he gave his life for his country in the battle of Corinth, Mississippi. The father, John Reed, served four years in the Army of the Potomac, saw much hard service, took part in many of the greatest battles of the the greatest war of history and proved to be a most faithful soldier. He was never wounded, but he was taken prisoner and confined at Libby prison for a time. He was with Grant at Lee's surrender and later was in the Grand Review at Washington after peace had been declared. After he was honorably discharged from the service he returned to Ohio and was connected with the construction of the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad. He settled in Holmes county and there was married. In 1886 the family moved to Brinkhaven, where the father followed his trade of carpenter until his death, on December 21, 1891. His widow still lives. John Reed was a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His family consisted of five sons and three daughters, namely: William F. is farming in Jefferson township; Ella married Henry H. P. Parks, of Massillon; Clara married Harry Laflin, of Coshocton; John A., of this sketch; George is a dental student; Dallas is farming in Jefferson township; Celia is the widow of Ogden Barrett, of Cleveland; Harry W. is a physician at St. Luke's hospital, Cleveland.

Dr. John A. Reed was educated in the public schools of Brinkhaven. Later was a student at the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Xenia, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1896. He was graduated with the class of 1898 from the high school of Brinkhaven, and in the fall of 1899, having long contemplated entering the medical profession, he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, where he made an excellent record and from which institution he was graduated in 1903. Thus well equipped for his life's work, he located at Jelloway, Knox county, on September 15th of that year and here he has remained to the present day, having built up a large and growing practice with the surrounding country. He keeps well abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his profession and he has been very successful as a general practitioner.

Doctor Reed was married on September 19, 1907, to Hallie Gladys

Zimmerman, daughter of Luzine P. and Ella (Applegate) Zimmerman, of Columbus, Ohio. One son has graced this union, born September 15, 1909.

Fraternally, Doctor Reed is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 546 of Danville. Politically, he is a Republican and he has always been active in public affairs. He has served as a member of the Republican county executive committee and has been a frequent delegate to party conventions, in which he has ever made his influence felt for the good of his community and the party. He has been health officer in both Brown and Jefferson townships, eight years in the former and three years in the latter. In the fall of 1910 he was elected coroner of Knox county and is now serving his first term. In all these positions of public trust he has performed his duties in a most able and conscientious manner. In addition to his professional duties, he oversees a farm of one hundred acres which he owns in this vicinity, which he keeps well improved and in a high state of cultivation. He also owns valuable property in Brinkhaven and Jelloway. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are prominent in the social life of the community.

ALVERDO A. GEITGEY.

The gentleman to whom the biographer now calls the reader's attention was not favored by inherited wealth or the assistance of influential friends, but in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and a wise economy, he has attained a comfortable station in life and is well and favorably known throughout this section of the Buckeye state as a result of the industrious life he has lived here, being a sterling product of the old log cabin days which has produced so many of the leading Americans of today, in all walks of life. He has won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come into contact and has been a most potent factor in the development of Union township, Knox county, and vicinity during the past decade. Mr. Geitgey has ever been loyal to his convictions of right and has discharged his duties as neighbor and citizen with the object in view of making the country better and his friends happier. Blessed with an abundance of worldly wealth, all of which has been acquired by his own unaided efforts, he has not been selfish; on the contrary, his benefactions have been many, while his liberality and philanthropy have been felt not only in his own locality but in other places where he has prosecuted worthy enterprises.

Alverdo A. Geitgey, a leading and well-known citizen of Buckeye City, this county, was born on July 24, 1864, on a farm in Wayne county, Ohio, in the log cabin home of his parents, John and Ann (Smith) Geitgey, both natives of Wayne county, where they grew up, were educated and married, in fact, spent their entire lives in that county. The father was a farmer, stock buyer and shipper, and was an industrious and fairly successful business man and a highly respected citizen. He is now deceased, but his widow, a woman of gracious personality, still lives, being now advanced in years.

Alverdo A. Geitgey was reared on the farm where he began working in the fields when but a small lad, and he was educated in the district schools of his home, later in life supplementing the rudments of learning he there received by actual contact with the business world and by miscellaneous home reading, being now a well-informed man on all topics, public, business or social. He was fourteen years of age when his father died, and he then began hustling for himself, after spending two years at home with his mother. These early experiences, though hard, were good in the way of discipline and doubtless contributed largely to his success in subsequent years. At the age of sixteen he went to Huntington, Indiana, with an uncle who was engaged in the hotel business, filling, for a time, the position of clerk. He then went to Harper county, Kansas, with a view of locating, growing up in a new country of the West and there establishing himself in business, but not liking the country as well as he had anticipated, he returned to his home in Wayne county, Ohio, and started a huckster wagon, which he conducted for two and one-half years, during which he got a good start in life. He started in this business with one hundred and twenty-seven dollars, which he had received from his father's estate. With this sum he purchased a team and small stock of goods with which to equip his wagon. He had to go in debt, the amount he had not being sufficient to pay for the outfit. By good management he had cleared the sum of two thousand and two hundred dollars at the end of two and one-half years. He then went to Findlay, Ohio, and there engaged in business, among other things as a railroad ticket broker, being a member of the American Ticket Brokers Association for some time. After trying a number of other lines of endeavor, he finally turned his attention to the oil and gas business, operating in the Wayne county fields. His first ventures were not successful and he lost nearly all of his former earnings, about all he had left being a second-hand drilling outfit, for which he had traded the odds and ends of what he had left from his former business ventures. But not being made of the material which bends easily, and nothing daunted, he went after business, continuing to operate in Wayne county and various parts

of the country, and while thus engaged he located the oil pool near Lodi, Ohio, making considerable money from this field. Soon afterwards he came to Knox county,—about 1901,—being the first operator in the gas fields of the eastern part of the county, drilling the first wells there, and from them supplied Danville, Buckeye City and Brinkhaven with natural gas and thus started a boom in this section of the state, which has resulted in continued progress. Later disposing of his holdings in the eastern part of Knox county, he has since been operating in various parts of the country. However, he has invested the major portion of his capital in Florida lands, owning twelve thousand and seven hundred acres in a fertile section of the "Land of Flowers," which investment has proved very successful, resulting in large profits, and his energies are now centered in developing his lands there. He contemplates an extensive pecan farm, which will doubtless be productive of very large profits. His permanent home, however, is in Buckeye City, Ohio, where he has a commodious, attractive, modern and, indeed, mansion-like home, the finest private residence in Knox county. It is modern in all its appointments and elegantly furnished, and here old-time hospitality and good cheer ever prevails, so that this beautiful home and its superb surroundings is the mecca for the many friends of the family, which is prominent in the social life of the county. Mr. Geitgey is also interested in other large real estate holdings, and he is a pushing, progressive, prosperous man of affairs, a credit to the locality honored by his citizenship.

Mr. Geitgey has been twice married, first to Ella Fluhart, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Thomas) Fluhart, of Fredericksburg, Wayne county, Ohio, this union having resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Chauncey, deceased; Nellie is now a student at Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio; Grace is attending the high school at Danville. The wife and mother passing to her rest early in life, Mr. Geitgey was subsequently married on November 27, 1902, to Lucy M. Shrimplin, daughter of Osborne and Adelia (Greer) Shrimplin, of Buckeye City, Ohio, and this union has been graced by the birth of two children, John O. and Kathryn.

Politically, Mr. Geitgey is a Democrat; however, is not a biased partisan, believing in good men for all public positions, irrespective of political alignment, and while he has ever taken an abiding interest in the affairs of his township and county, gladly supporting such measures as made for the general good of the same, he has never sought public preference or office of any kind, being content with the management of his individual affairs. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order at Danville and the Wooster lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and he and his family are members and liberal

supporters of the Church of Christ at Danville, he being an elder in the same, and active in church and Sunday school work.

Personally, Mr. Geitgey is a man of pleasing presence, genial in deportment, charitable and a cultured, broad-minded gentleman—in short, a typical representative of the enterprising, successful, virile, self-made men who have done so much to develop the resources of the great middle West and advance all its interests, and, being a man of exemplary habits, his career might be profitably emulated by the youth of the land whose destinies are yet matters for future years to determine.

MILTON P. MARTIN.

One of the remaining links in the chain that connects the present age to a period long buried in the mists of the past in this history of the city of Mt. Vernon is Milton P. Martin, now living in honorable retirement after a long and successful life in his native locality, spent principally in farming and sawmilling. He has been a witness of wonderful transformations in his home country, has seen the virgin forests felled by the woodsmen and the raw prairie sod upturned by the plowman, log cabins give way to pretentious homes, and villages spring up on every hand. He has kept untarnished the honored name of the family, well-known in Knox county for a century, his sterling grandfather having braved the wilderness here in the early period of the nineteenth century, when Indians were numerous and hostile and ferocious wild beasts roamed where now are waving fields of grain and the happy homes of men. The members of the Martin family have not been merely spectators to this change in the face of nature, but they have been active in the work of development, each playing well his role in the drama of civilization as staged in local arena, and no family within the borders of this county is more deserving of representation in a volume of the province of the one at hand.

Mr. Martin was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on November 9, 1844, and is the son of George R. and Agnes P. (Shipley) Martin. George Martin, the great-grandfather of the subject, moved with his family to Knox county in the year 1811, from Pennsylvania. He located at the foot of Main street, Mt. Vernon, and for some time followed the carpenter's trade. He lived only a few years after coming to his county. His oldest son and child, Jacob, the grandfather of the subject, then became the head of the family.

He, too, was a carpenter by trade, to which he added cabinet-making. He also following undertaking. His family lived on what is now the corner of Main and Front streets, his shop being located on Front street. Jacob Martin married Ann Adams, daughter of John Adams, who came from Virginia in 1817 and settled in Morrow township, Knox county, where he engaged in farming. The brothers and sisters of Jacob Martin were: Joseph, George, Elizabeth, Mary and Nellie, all of whom are now deceased. The following children were born to Jacob Martin and wife: George, Samuel, John, Frank, Joseph, Albert, Ellen, Martha and Clara. Albert, the youngest son, and Clara and Ellen are still living.

George R. Martin, the oldest son in his father's family, was one of the pioneer sawmill and lumber men of Knox county, having been engaged in this business here from 1854 to 1890, during which period he became widely known as a progressive and successful business man. His mill, which was the first steam sawmill in the locality, was located at the junction of the Martinsburg and Granville road in South Vernon. It was originally built by C. P. Buckingham and bought by Mr. Martin, and during all the years from 1854 to 1890 he operated a mill upon this same site. His death occurred in June, 1899, his widow surviving until in February, 1905. The father of the subject was a Republican. His father was an original abolitionist, and being of Scotch-Irish descent, both the Martin and Adams families having come from northern Ireland, were Presbyterians. George R. Martin was much interested in public affairs and while he always supported whatever measures that had as their object the general good, he was not an office holder or seeker of public favors. He was a man of intelligence and progressive ideas and stalwart integrity.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Martin, namely: Milton P., of this sketch; Ida is deceased; Frank A. lives in Richwood, Ohio; Alice is the widow of John Higbie; Jessie V. married Jesse B. Lafever, of Mt. Vernon; Harry lives in New Castle, Indiana; Luella married Hugh Green and lives in Harrison township, this county; George P. is deceased; one child died in infancy.

Milton P. Martin, of this review, grew up in Mt. Vernon and when old enough worked in his father's mill. He was educated in the Mt. Vernon public schools. He has been twice married, first, on February 20, 1869, to Susanna Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Johnson, of Mt. Vernon. To this union two children were born, Mary E., now the wife of Dr. H. W. Pyle, and Fred J., of Clinton township, this county. The wife and mother was called to her rest on April 1, 1875. In October, 1887, Mr.

Martin was married to Alice Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Page, of Delaware county, Ohio. To this union one daughter was born, Marguerite P., who is living at home. The death of the second wife occurred on October 1, 1896.

In 1874 Mr. Martin left the sawmill business and moved to his farm in Clinton township and there engaged successfully in farming for a period of twenty-six years, until 1900, when he moved to the old family home near the site of the sawmill, where his father was an important factor for so many years and where some member of the Martin family has resided for a period of one hundred years. The subject is now living a retired life with his daughter, enjoying the fruits of his former years of toil and endeavor. Politically, he is a Republican and has always been more or less active in public affairs, but he has never been an office seeker, though he served for years as a member of the township board of education. During the Civil war he enlisted, in January, 1864, in Company M, Third Regiment Ohio Infantry, and was with Sherman's army in General Thomas' division and he saw active service through the Atlanta campaign and other activities, in all of which he acquitted himself as an excellent and faithful soldier, never shrinking from duty, no matter how arduous or dangerous, according to his comrades. He was wounded in the battle of Lovejoy near Atlanta on August 19, 1864. He was mustered out of service on August 4, 1865, at Macon, Georgia. He is a member of Joe Hooker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has long been active, and in 1911 he represented the post at the state encampment. He is a public-spirited citizen and a worthy descendant of Knox county pioneers.

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